

# **Calm & Sense**

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## **Introduction**

Once more I am publishing my undeleted thoughts on many subjects...☺

## **Abortion**

**If it's wrong to abort babies, why isn't it wrong to bomb pregnant women?**

**Not saying I'm right for wanting exceptions for; rape, incest and life of the mother but I think society's wrong for allowing abortion on demand... this picture is a human being.**

**In the case of rape especially in time of war it's a tactic to take over another population. When Isis or whoever rapes women en-mass they're plan ethnic cleansing. If you allow 'collateral damage' when you bombing cities then in the tragic case of rape, the mother should have the option for an early term abortion. It's tragic in every sense of the word and a difficult call and I don't know I'm right just throwing it out there for discussion... and yes adoption's better.**

**In addition to rape, incest and life of the mother what about 'significant deformities' as defined by the community involved? Just wondering.**

**You criticize me for killing skunks that have repeatedly sprayed our dogs on our front porch and in our yard. Yet you say it's OK to dismember viable human beings in the womb and sell their body parts for profit while sipping wine in a swank restaurant with PP's 'customers.' I'm not demanding that you change because you seem to be in the majority... just requesting that people who may want to leave in the future be allowed to, to start colonies where they won't be interfered with or subject to societies "enlightened" views.**

## **Activism**

**"Confused what I thought with something I felt. Confuse what I feel with something that's real"... Kongos**

**There are activists and there are in-activists, if you're in the second category prepared to be played.**

**It's OK to say you want to be like Clifford the big red dog and do 'big things', just don't say you want to be another Washington, Lincoln or the like... that's verboten.**

**Funny how people on different sides of an issue think that they're the rational ones, or that rationality's absurd in their issues case...oxymoron?**

You want to make it illegal for Icelanders, Norwegians and Japanese to harvest Minke whales which aren't endangered but you want to be able to eat yellow fin tuna which probably is. You want to legislate that everybody has to drive an electric car while not having a definitive plan for generating the required juice to run them, while fossil fueled power plants and combustion engines get cleaner and cleaner and your proof of global warming is no more certain than your other plans... forgive me if I'm incredulous, or is that against the law too?

“Shattered windows and the sound of drums, people couldn't believe what I'd become, revolutionaries wait, for my head on a silver plate”... Coldplay

## **Adam and Eve-N**

Adam was well pleased when ‘presented’ with Eve, but what did he think when he learned her tongue was a razor?

## **Advice**

“We all know it's a lot easier giving advice than taking it”... Frankie Heck

I've given too much advice already and it's mostly been received with ridicule, so I'm *learning* that perhaps I should give less. If anyone wants advice from me, they can read it in the funny papers.

Am I a jerk for suggesting that abject failures offer the most free advice... and what pray tell does that make me? ☺

Funny how the under thinkers like to ‘call out’ the over thinkers...anyway we can both learn from each other.

Like most people I'm full of advice and happy to dispense it but it's not a popular commodity... that's OK there's lots more free advice out there for the taking.

There's lots of good advice out there and I don't mean from me. Interestingly lots of it's the same just lots of the bad advice rhymes and if you take it there can be hell to pay.

If someone's convinced that dumb is smart, there's not much you can do to help unless they change their mind.

“You want to teach but not be taught, I want to sell but not be bought”... Ghosts of Beverly Drive

## **Aesop**

The earliest Greek sources, including Aristotle, indicate that Aesop was born around 620 BCE in Thrace at a site on the Black Sea coast which would later become the city Mesembria. (Wikipedia)

- **A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety.**
  - *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.*
- **Any excuse will serve a tyrant.**
  - *The Wolf and the Lamb.*
- **Any number of lies will serve an rich and evil man.**
  - *The Evil Liar.*
- **Spot the falsehood of history and find out the truth.**
  - *The Spartan Lies.*
- **Be careful of rich and powerful men for they will do nothing for your sake.**
  - *The Greediest Man On Earth.*
- **Appearances often are deceiving.**
  - *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.*
- **Be content with your lot; one cannot be first in everything.**
  - *Juno and the Peacock.*
- **Better be wise by the misfortunes of others than by your own.**
  - *The Lion, The Ass, And The Fox Hunting.*
- **Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.**
  - *The Dog and the Shadow.*
- **Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing.**
  - *The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.*
- **Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.**
  - *The Milkmaid and Her Pail.*
- **Don't cry over spilt milk.**

- *The Milkmaid and Her Pail.*
- Familiarity breeds contempt or Acquaintance softens prejudices.
  - *The Fox and the Lion.*
- I am sure the grapes are sour.
  - *The Fox and the Grapes.*
- I will have nought to do with a man who can blow hot and cold with the same breath.
  - *The Man and the Satyr.*
- In critical moments even the very powerful have need of the weakest.
  - *The Lion and the Mouse.*
- It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.
  - *The Wolf and the Kid.*
- It is thrifty to prepare today for the wants of tomorrow.
  - *The Ant and the Grasshopper.*
- It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds.
  - *The Jay and the Peacock.*
- Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.
  - *The Fox and the Goat.*
- No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
  - *The Lion and the Mouse.*
- People often grudge others when they cannot enjoy themselves.
  - *The Dog in the Manger.*
- Persuasion is often more effectual than force.
  - *The Wind and the Sun.*
- Put your shoulder to the wheel.
  - *Hercules and the Wagoner.*
- Self-conceit may lead to self-destruction.

- *The Frog and the Ox.*
- Slow and steady wins the race.
  - *The Hare and the Tortoise.*
- The boy cried "Wolf, wolf!" and the villagers came out to help him.
  - *The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf.*
- The fly sat upon the axle-tree of the chariot-wheel and said, What a dust do I raise!
  - *The Fly on the Wheel.*
- The gods help them that help themselves.
  - *Hercules and the Wagoner.*
- The shaft of the arrow had been feathered with one of the eagle's own plumes. We often give our enemies the means of our own destruction.
  - *The Eagle and the Arrow.*
- Thinking to get at once all the gold the goose could give, he killed it and opened it only to find nothing.
  - *The Goose with the Golden Eggs.*
- Union gives strength.
  - *The Bundle of Sticks.*
- While I see many hoof marks going in, I see none coming out. It is easier to get into the enemy's toils than out again.
  - *The Lion, the Fox, and the Beasts.*
- We would often be sorry if our wishes were gratified.
  - *The Old Man and Death.*
- Enemies' promises were made to be broken.
  - *The Nurse and the Wolf*, as translated by Joseph Jacobs (1894).

Beware lest you lose the substance by grasping at the shadow.

No act of kindness matter how small is ever wasted.



## **Aging**

**“Growing up leads to growing old and then to dying. And dying to me don't sound like all that much fun”... John Mellencamp**

**Funny... this chapter gets a little longer with each book!**

**I just turned 60 and it occurs that this may be my most, least or last productive decade.**

**It's getting to where I not only forget the answers, I can't remember the questions.**

**There are people who care how they look and there are liars...☺**

**I'm continuing my memory improvement program by risking repercussions when I forget things, instead of relying on writing things down. I'd rather be hectored then keep losing the ability to remember at a rapid pace... obviously there's no guarantee it will work.**

**Now that I'm 60 I use the ‘age excuse’ to get out of things I don't want to do but I don't use it for getting out of things I shouldn't do... probably not smart enough.**

**I don't like all the *spankings* I get when I go to the store etc. and forget what I went there for but I'm hoping in the long run it will help my memory more than making lists will.**

**Seems like were supposed to downsize when we get in our 50s then spend the rest of our lives watching TV, volunteering and eating fancy meals before we go *gentle into the night*... as Billy Joe say's, ‘I beg to dream and differ’ ☺**

**I've heard my elderly parents moan in pain when getting out of a car, chair, or attempting stairs...it's not a pretty sound.**

**‘Haven't had my coffee yet’...isn't an excuse, it's a reason...☺**

**Did I forget something? Sorry but I'm lucky if I remember put my pants on when I walk out to the mailbox :-)**

**‘Ikigai’ is Okinawan for, “the reason you get up in the morning”... we all should have one. By the way Okinawan's are *reputed* to live the longest, healthiest lives in the world.**

**I get the feeling that part of ‘successful aging’ (oxymoron?) is keeping your memory as long as possible and the other part is learning to cope with its inevitable loss... can you say sticking notes etc?**

**The older I get, the more I realize that time truly flies...**

**Young hotties and old biddies is just an observation and not intended to be an insult any more than saying young studs and old duds.**

**Respect your elders but don't submit to their will... they are not all knowing, nor were those who 'educated' them.**

**As we age flexibility's very important, I'd put it right up there with retaining one's memory. When we get to the point that someone has to cut our toenails, it's probably a sign that we're in trouble... on a number of levels.**

**Growing old may suck but in most cases it's better than the alternative.**

**Maybe pain is God's way of telling us we're still alive but won't be forever.**

**I'm beyond the point of expecting a good haircut, so I just look for good looking hairdressers... come on, I'm by no means the only one!**

**Not only do we not remember the 'same things', when we occasionally do remember the same things, we don't remember them 'the same' ☺**

**With each passing year I have to refine my routine further to avoid things like falling down the stairs, tripping over my shoes and other things that at my age can cause more serious injuries than they would have a few years ago... little things I used to take for granted aren't so little anymore.**

**If I could remember to take my turmeric maybe I'd remember to do the other things I'm supposed to remember to do...**

**There are things we should do before it's too late... for me it's Euchre, for you it's something else. There's also a price for everything we do in life, like toeing the line and bucking the trend. There's a price for not getting the counseling you need to help deal with PTSD, there's a price I have to pay for running my mouth and there's a price people will have to pay for hurting those who are weaker and more vulnerable than they are.**

**"Sometimes it's like, someone took a knife baby edgy and dull and cut a six-inch valley through the middle of my soul, At night I wake up with the sheets soaking wet and a freight train running through the middle of my head"...Springsteen**

**"There's a difference between relevancy and mortality"...Tom Barrack (modified)**

**"When you are through changing you're through"... Bruce Barton**

## Aliens (Ancient & Otherwise)

Conflicts between powers and principalities in the heavens could be quite true and the *aliens* might be watching us from a blind like we watch deer. Only a few times have they *genuinely* been caught and all the crazies and make up stories diminish those accounts. From ancient times onward we've heard of them and these conflicts between powers and principalities in the heavens adds sense to Bible stories, IMO making them more plausible but I still can't take the whole thing literally...

Aliens? Are they benevolent, malevolent, sons of darkness, sons of light, do they exist at all and what's their agenda? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes and I don't trust them.

Jerry says there are two voices, one's an angel on the right shoulder, the other a devil on the left... sort of like the sons of darkness and the sons of light.

Sons of light, sons of darkness...both are light, both are dark, though some more so than others.

## Amarna Letters

### America

I have friends for which it's essential to first and foremost be an American... that's fine but first and foremost I'm a member of the human race... I hope that doesn't *disqualify* me from being an American.

Are our problems serious, massive or insurmountable? I don't know, nor do I have solutions but I do have some ideas... *the thing is* I've been 'advised' by some smart people to keep them to myself ☺

I'm not saying I'd rather see the country go down the tubes than given to usurpers, neither do I want to be partner to that process. I don't think the founding founders or our ancestors would want it given away and though many consider that irrelevant I don't. I'm not going to fight for a *good old boy* 'pure' Anglo society but I'm opposed to an elitist, socially engineered version of diversity being shoved down our throats. Diversity and melting pots are fine but not at this blurring speed and with *ulterior motives*.

Being better than the alternative doesn't make one side the best or even acceptable. If all they guarantee is the status quo and not freedom then we have set the bar too low

If you're Bible says you must support Israel then go right ahead, but gradually 'cut loose' those countries whose security we've guaranteed minus the Bible's 'instructions.' Phase out their financial support and let them take care of themselves. In rare 'emergencies' sell or give them the means to defend themselves but realize you could be making matters worse in the process, so be careful. Meanwhile let's perfect our own missile-defense, build the wall etc.

## **Ancestors and Old Stuff**

"At the end of the garden is a shrine, when the weather is better I would like to show it to you, if it doesn't violate your faith... it's okay, God's house is God's house... you are wise and venerable Mrs. Jacoby"... A Majority of One

Is a feeling in your bones anything like voices in your head? I'm more inclined to believe the former because any voice in my head is probably my own.

Whether it's my English or Egyptian ancestors, I'm proud of many things they did and ashamed of some others.

The debate goes on regarding whether or not future generations should pay for the crimes of their ancestors and various Bible verses are sometimes quoted to support one side or the other (Exodus 20:5-6; Deuteronomy 24:16 and Ezekiel 18:20 for example.) Is there merit or justice in holding people accountable for the crimes their ancestors? Some people are willing to forgive even if they can't forget and others abide by ancient codes of revenge. If put on either side of that equation, what would I do? All I know is that if someone demands payment for an 'ancestral crime', I hope I have the right and the means to say, no way Jose.

Our ancestors fought and died to give themselves and their descendants; freedom, rights and opportunities and *I think* they wouldn't want those things to be lost or *given away*, especially to those they fought, despised, or disagreed with. *However* if our generation wants to give those things away it is out of our ancestors hands and unless we take a firm stand those beloved things may be lost... not just shared but lost. I suppose some of our ancestors would be fine with that, others wouldn't and certainly I am not for giving away the farm!

I think children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren shouldn't pay for the sins of their ancestors nor should they profit from them and therein lies the rub. Regardless, both of the above occur regularly either by human or perhaps *cosmic* design.

*If* our deceased loved ones can see our *behind closed door* antics I hope I'm keeping them amused but not shocking or disturbing anyone ☺

I think many of them would be glad that our; freedoms, rights and opportunities are being shared but I doubt many would be happy that they're flat out being given away to usurpers intent on destroying the enlightened legacy from whence they came, which was America and western Europe. After all many or most of the 300,000 + Americans killed fighting for the north apparently were willing to risk death to end slavery... but would most of them be happy with the current state of affairs or would they feel they'd been *hoodwinked*?

The American Revolution is the only war I definitely would've supported... or would I? I probably wouldn't volunteered to fight to free the slaves despite believing slavery's entirely wrong. Instead if I was born into a slaveholding family I think and hope I would have set them free, but I can't criticize anyone who would fight to end that criminal institution.

I don't worship my ancestors or want grandkids mostly for them. I don't know if they're looking down from above but they might be so I take that into consideration. I love and respect them but would disagree with them on a number of things and can learn from their record of successes and failures. I want grandkids because I believe it will enrich my children's lives and ours... it's a circle of life well worth perpetuating.

“For though they may be parted. There is still a chance that they will see”... Let it Be (Beatles)

## Anger

“Some people say I'm of noxious and lazy on my uneducated my opinion means nothing”...John Mellancamp

Some things are better left unsaid as they embarrass and incriminate while doing very little good... other things need to be aired.

Things tend to run their course and we tend to survive then until we don't

I'd like to tell the, “it must be nice crowd”, that I wish they'd cut it out...lame-o!

Should I blame my father for asking me to drop him and his girlfriend off and having to circle the block looking repeatedly to find a parking place, resulting in a *sphincter injury*⊗ No, I was as culpable for that as for the vasectomy and darn near everything else I regret. I shouldn't complain, I should mitigate...

"This doesn't have to be the big get even this doesn't have to be anything at all"...  
Fleetwood Mac

## **Authority**

"I fight authority, authority always wins"... John Mellencamp

You've turned men into Idols and gods and yourselves subservient to kings and queens... I don't want to live into a kingdom or queendom.

If someone falls into the 'give them an inch, they'll take a mile' category, think twice before giving them an inch...

Two things that should be crushed are feminism and the *good old boy* network, neither is tolerant of opposing views, both seek to dominate society and neither should be given that chance...

Whether it's the battle of the sexes or any other issue, I'll cooperate, negotiate and tolerate but don't ask me to submit to your will... even though you call your will something much greater.

You 'may' be the chosen people which among other things puts you at odds with those who consider themselves equal per the Declaration of Independence and similar instruments which should prohibit a princely class or aristocracy from lording over the rest... even if that class claims to manage your affairs better than you can.

Did someone in the Bible say husbands obey your wife? I don't think so but someone said wives submit to and obey your husbands. I'm suspicious of vows especially if we're told to obey someone other than God. There's too much uncertainty involved and it can lead to entrapment...honoring is another story. I will love, cherish, respect, honor, listen to and consider your counsel. I will not vow to obey nor insist that you do...

One vows leads to another and soon we're told to obey God according to someone else's church or conscience. I intend to obey God according to my church and conscience

I cannot understand the mind of God nor can I comprehend the universe the two are similar in that respect

**I absolutely accept the authority of God but not the authority of the various churches or religions. There are so many denominations with so many different theologies that I can't keep them straight. I accept the authority of Jesus if he is God or the actual and only son of God. There are so many denominations and religions with different opinions of him that I'm not sure what to believe and as for those who purport to be God's authorized representatives on earth, I am skeptical of them for many reasons.**

**I am unabashedly on the side of the fair, free men of history. They haven't always been right and good but they tried to be that, and to be on the side of God without self-righteously declaring that He is on theirs.**

**I want voluntarily submit to the will of particular others... that doesn't I won't be crushed.**

**If the Law says I must give you the fruit of my labor then I'll have to, if it doesn't I will apply it as I see fit.**

**I don't want to be ruled by men, women, guns or money. I only want to be ruled by God and I want that to be based on my imperfect interpretation, not some religious authority's imperfect interpretation which they 'claim' is perfect... ridiculous huh?**

**"His mind is not for rent to any god or government and those changes are permanent"...Rush**

## **Banksters**

## **Battle of the Sexes**

**"Love comes wearing disguises... break it down by shapes and sizes...you-you-you're just my type... Oh, you got a pulse and you are breathing... I'm a man who's got very specific taste"...Saint Motel**

**"I can't believe Vanessa my bride my one true love ... was a fembot"- Austin Powers**

**"You'll take an inch but you'd like a mile"... Jackie Blue (a journey of 1,000 miles starts with one step)**

**"I know I left too much mess and destruction**

**To come back again**

**And I caused nothing but trouble**

**I understand if you can't talk to me again"... Dido**

**Maybe battle is too strong a word, then again maybe it's not, but struggle or competition might be better words.**

**Men and women are and maybe should be competitors... but not enemies.**

**I don't expect people to give up their gains nor do I expect to submit to them... tweak , tweak, tweak is the answer ☺**

**Men take to war like women take to love and vice versa... seems it's been like that for a 'long time.'**

**Yes, I think women are a little crazy but it's usually a nice crazy... men not so much.**

**It's not like God is going to stop making pretty girls (Charlie Harper) and girls are pretty good at looking pretty anyway ☺**

**All the bad ladies are so sweet, or is it all the sweet ladies are so bad ☺ meanwhile we all know that guys are... well you know.**

**Don't like to say it but on some level all men are manbots and all women are fembots.**

**Women have a different MO but are just as determined as us to advance their worldview which differs from ours. If they were physically stronger they might use more force but they're endowed them with highly effective if not more subtle weapons... God bless them and please keep us free.**

**They are what I would call 'sweetie pies'... but they're also a wild, wooly and cantankerous bunch... what? ☺**

**Last year's crop has flown the coop, they're gone and it's no use looking ...fortunately the new crop's already arriving on the scene.**

**I have no intention of cheating but do like *perusing* the year's top draft picks ☺**

**Yes I like checking out the new crop each year, some of whom are 'superstars' IMO it's no harm no foul, just liking the candy and wishing them well!**

**I acknowledge that we're *kinda* at war but we have an easy truce... at least for the moment.**

**If we can't get along, maybe we should avoid each other till *mating season*, which begins daily at 5 o'clock somewhere☺**

**Women look for certain things in men, maybe money, big packages, handsome face, sense of humor etc. and men look for certain things in women like pretty faces, hot bod's, sense**



of you humor or whatever. In both cases we're a bit superficial or are we? And in both cases we often make mistakes.

I'll take him and leave the state...one can understand a mom saying that but can you forget it?

Bars, chat rooms, coffee shops, churches and student unions are all venues where courtship and competition for mates take place. The weapons are makeup, muscles and words. It's not that different from the savannah or jungle where the participants weapons are teeth and nails. In both cases its bloodlines and babies at stake.

Men and women tend to lock horns unless one submits, which isn't ideal and few will do that voluntarily unless their mate has the same world view. That doesn't mean one should capitulate or they should fight, it means it's going to be challenging. Also don't know a woman in the world who's not a feminist...no matter how 'conservative' they are. Every woman I know will use the courts to take half or all of the fruit of a man's labor, sometimes for fairly good reasons like child support, other times so she can live the life of Reilly. In either case it's another example of pure democracy resulting in an institution, this time the courts pandering or catering...take your pick. IMO Religious women have also twisted the books they claim to revere by making the man their poodle unless he does their bidding or at least shares their religious world view and agrees to raise the kids that way. Out of one side of their mouth the preach the word out of the other they reject that the man's the head unless he does things their way, which is certainly not the OT way and unless I'm mistaken Jesus said he wasn't there to change a jot or tittle. Reasons mentioned for things are the way they include; it's best for the kids, tradition and that's just the way things are. Men are crazy to accept any but the first reason and there can be differences of opinion regarding what's best for the kids. The long arm of the law should not become a tool of the nanny state any more than of the good old boy network. That being said I might prefer the wrath of the court than the justice of a wife...though the ladies would probably say "and vice versa."

There are chicks, chickadees and chickens and all have play a role.

If a man's *woman* is strong... he's called weak... it's a double standard too.

Am I giving voice to what other men think or just my own feelings my own "neurosis?"

I really don't know.

Not sure but I think the aforementioned might have something to do with us both wanting to control our lives, which for women might mean closer 'cooperation' and for men it might mean less.

Women aren't crazier than men or vice versa, we just have slightly different worldviews... it's significant but it's not 'that' big a deal ☺

There are of course two sides to the story and though men sometimes feel like tools women say they feel like sex object...we're both right and wrong.

There are lots of great and good women but I've never met one who isn't a feminist but I've met many men who are... at least on paper. I don't begrudge any of them... nor would I exalt them.

Men and women - two very different peoples whose worlds by necessity collide...

If there's not a 'battle of the sexes' and I wish there wasn't, there's at the very least 'a struggle or competition of the sexes.'

Women are like worker bees is the generalization and for what it's worth I first heard the line 'I'm a good little worker bee' from a lady. It's a generalization and obviously not true in all cases but IMO there's some truth to it. Another generalization is that female society makes drones out of males... hmm.

I could say that women try to squeeze every drop of blood out of their man until we drop dead but that's not true they want certain things for the kids and I also want to have a good time and they want to do the zip line and they want to do the same so and so we are on the other hand I do the same thing him

If we have different world views we should try to peacefully coexist and if we can't separation should be considered. I don't want either sex to rile or rule the other, the latter should be possible, the first...probably not.

Fembots? What's the big deal... we all *behave* like robots, especially when we want to be accepted by the cool robots (and our programmers love it.)

I like watching the ladies going so seriously about their business, which usually involves other people's business too, but that's OK because men usually only take care of their own business...even when that involves little babies.

We're surrounded by ladies - young and old and they're so nice...well usually.

In some ways we are very nearly 2 completely different species but it's essential we cooperate and coexist.

Listening to Pearl Jam's 'Can't Find a Better Man' and thinking of all the ladies out there in that predicament. It makes me think that being assholes must've been a successful male survival strategy since the beginning of time. Not that guys are complete assholes but being an asshole seems to *insure* that they'll pass their genes to the next generation. The flipside

is that if a woman does find a good man, it seems to go her head and if she's strong enough, she can be too demanding and pound him into the earth...both sexes are susceptible to human and animal nature.

Basically beautiful young women are *just* little old ladies who haven't gotten there yet... so treat little old ladies as well as you treat the young beauties.

Did you know that women have eyes in the back of their head? They're tiny little eyes, which are hard to see and they never show us. Even though they're covered with hair they can see quite well... it really helps them keep track of 'things'... no really and I say this with the utmost respect and admiration... really.

The male and female personalities are such a perfect collision of like and dislike, desire and distrust, attraction and occasional revulsion... Ying and Yang if you like. We can be jerky boys and they can be such bitches... is there a reason for this dichotomy.

You can't help but notice the pretty girls as there're new ones coming along all the time... but it is possible to keep your hands to yourself.

There are things in this chapter I won't, only think about them and I don't know if that's good or bad.

Charlie would understand ☺

"Women go after doctors like men go after models. They want someone with knowledge of the body, we just want the body"... Seinfeld. They might also want a high earner Jerry.

Don't be ruled by them but don't be afraid to be a little more like them just watch the movie 'Miss You' with Drew and Tony and you'll know why.

I suppose it's unfortunate that there is and always has been a battle of the sexes. I'd rather live in peace but I if it means surrendering I won't. On the other hand when waged 'kindly' maybe this battle can bring out the best in both sexes to the benefit of everyone involved.

What came first the asshole or the bitch? Just wondering...

Look at those shoes! You pretty, pretty girl...

There's a battle of the sexes and some have surrendered instead of reconciled...

The only thing that upsets a woman more than treating her like a sex is treating her like she's unqualified to be one...doesn't seem to matter if its men or women treating her that way. It's an affront to her as much as people treating men like their sissies. We all want to be perceived as having what it takes, even if we don't want to use the gender specific traits

that society has historically valued and that nature has endowed us with and which some people are currently trying to overturn. IMO overturning the stereotypes isn't a bad thing, nor is it all that and a bag of chips... it is what it is, meaning grist for the mill of the mind and neither side is all right or all wrong.

I would still like to create an app that lets you see what people really look like minus bleach blonde hair or whatever... maybe something like a Photoshop app that changes photos of people with blonde hair into brunettes.

She's a good old girl but I'll keep her anyway ☺

“Is this real love or is it just madness keeping us afloat”... Muse

They have got troublemaking down to a science... with us it's still more of an art.

I believe there is a battle of the sexes... deny it at your own risk.

That's not good versus evil although some may parse it that way... it's just one worldview versus another

She's very nice to be around when she can keep her tongue in its holster...

Women are absolutely wonderful but not so absolutely wonderful that they should rule us...just MO.

“You might as well face it you're addicted to love”... Robert Palmer, and IMO he's right. The ladies need it too but not exactly the way we do... they need it so that they will feel they're still on top of their game and able to control their destiny because they're 'desirable.' I suppose that's considered misogynistic until you consider that they might be wanting to be desirable to women not men... in any case I don't expect a pat on the back and don't think there's anything wrong with wanting to control one's destiny... difficult as that is.

What a wild, wooly and naughty bunch and I don't mean naughty in a bad way... as far as I can tell they're like very well-dressed cave ladies and despite what they say about me I love them, and realize that we men are no better, no worse and in most respects no different than they.

I don't want to live in a world populated by fembot's engineered by men, nor do I want to be enslaved by 'real' women who want a nanny state to control and micromanage everyone.

I have yet to meet a woman who's not radical... don't you have to, to be a Mom? But it doesn't end there, between worker bee syndrome and the desire to be the queen and live on Royal Jelly women are the bomb ☺

Maybe girls have to be rascals... how else would they survive? They have such an important job and they're often outweighed 2 to 1.

These ~~poor~~ dear ladies how far they fall, from the height of beauty they go completely to pot! In old age they should be appreciated as much as when they were the apple of our eyes. Guys on the other hand are judged less on appearances, so the fall we take doesn't hurt quite as much.

Those of us who are older say we haven't a dog in the fight but we do. Young fathers are reduced to minion-hood, losing custody and control of their kids and how their kids are raised, often having to pay for whatever their ex choses. Meanwhile single Mom's often deal with baby daddy's who refuse or can't pay child support and the taxpayer foots the bill. These are two areas where tweaking should be done. If the fruit of an ex's labor is going to the custodial spouse he or she that pays should have commensurate say in the decisions. If a spouse fails for whatever reason to pay support, he or she should be sent to camp and compelled to work in whatever capacity is appropriate so as to enable the payment of sufficient support.

Ladies... they all sound so sweet on paper ☺

While I'm at it, it's interesting how IMO so many women have pronounced socialist tendencies... but I can't blame them when you look at the record of men not supporting their offspring.

"Crazy laughter in another room and she drove herself to madness with a silver spoon"...Eagles

Rock on, ancient queen. Follow those who pale in your shadow"... Stevie Nicks

"And she's buying a stairway to heaven"... LZ

"Rest assured that when I Start to make you nervous I'm going to extremes Tomorrow I will change and today won't mean a thing... Just when you think You get me figured out The season's already changin'"... Alanis Morissette

"Just tell him it's the only place in town where the women are young and the whiskey's aged"... Frank Sinatra (Four for Texas)

"I said, Slow, don't go so fast don't you think that love can last?, She said, Love, lord above, now you're gonna trick me in love"... Free

"She'll take a tumble on you, roll you like you were dice, until you come up blue she's got Bette Davis eyes"...Kim Karnes

"These find ladies they had a plan there out to meet the boys in the band"... GFR

**“The problem is you're treating them as a group, the trick with women is to split them off from the herd, otherwise you risk a stampede” ... Charlie Harper**

**“Girl, before I met you I was F.I.N.E. Fine but your love made me a prisoner, yeah my heart's been doing time”... Aerosmith**

**“I hear your voice inside me, I see your face everywhere Still you say We belong to the light, we belong to the thunder”... Pat Benatar**

**“In touch with the ground  
I'm on the hunt I'm after you  
Smell like I sound, I'm lost in a crowd  
And I'm hungry like the wolf”... Duran, Duran**

**“Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?”...Tina turner**

**“On a bed of nails she makes me wait”... U2  
:The blonde waitresses they've got their moves you drop your drink in a bring you more”... The Bangles**

**“Do you want him back or do you want him to suffer? I don't know. That's OK it's often the same thing”... Rose & Bridgette**

**“I know someday you'll have a beautiful life,  
I know you'll be a star in somebody else's sky,  
But why, why, why can't it be, can't it be mine?”... Pearl Jam**

**“Some they do and some they don't. And some you just can't tell. And some they will and some they won't. With some it's just as well”... Supertramp**

**“Don't draw the queen of diamonds boy she'll beat you if she's able the queen of hearts is always your best bet”...Eagles**

## **Bee Hives and Ant Colonies**

The commercial says, queen bees lives 4 years because they gets ‘royal jelly’, workers only live 45 days. Male bees live just long enough to mate then die and Cloris says, “that sounds like a pretty good system.” I wonder who has it worse, male drones, female worker (slaves) or the queen who has to lay eggs day in and day out? Basically it sounds like being any kind of a bee sucks 😊

For eons there've been societies where women play the dominant role, they're called hives and all indications point to humanity heading merrily in that direction...I'm sure it will be a most efficient *operation* 😊

Sure, a female run society probably would operate more smoothly, the main sacrifice would be individual freedom, because a beehive may be a model of efficiency but it's not a democracy.

## **Bell Curves and Hard Wires**

Does the bell curve apply to religions? I don't mean to God, just to religions. I think it does, because members and leaders of all religions range from good to horrible... The rebuttal may be the usual, "we're not better, just better off" and they may be right.

When it comes to people with problems, at opposite ends of the spectrum are bullies and enablers...

## **Ben Franklin**

### **Bible**

"The truth is one but the wise men call it by many names"... Hindu Sanskrit

How do we know for sure that the Gospel's the gospel truth? There've been enough charlatans and excesses in its name to make me wonder...

Does 'old school' equal Old Testament and is that good, bad, indifferent or both?

I'll go with the broader sample instead of one people's narrative... compelling as it is.

I don't take many Bible stories literally because they literally don't make sense how could Noah collect, put or welcome 37 million species of animals on a 500 foot ark, and if he only put the 'clean ones' on how did the others survive 'the flood?'

The contradictions and possible plagiarisms go on and on...

In the Bible IMO there's good history, biased history, good morality and not so good morality. Kind of like watching modern-day screenwriters and what they produce a little of everything, some positive, some not... no surprise considering who wrote them both.

The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth...really? I consider it the truth but not 'the whole truth, and nothing but the truth'...

## **Biblical Archaeology**

**If you think the world's 10,000 years old, I will have to respectfully disagree... in fact you've lost me.**

**The various religious stories of creation etc. may contain kernels of truth or may be pure fantasy but I doubt very much that they are the truth, whole truth and nothing but the truth.**

**Per a documentary on TV; 500,000 years ago the wood handled hand ax appeared, 60,000 years ago spears appeared and 30,000 years ago enter the bow and arrow... Yet some say the world's 10,000 years old?**

**If I were a Christian which is debatable I would be one that believes in the right to read any book even those banned by the church. I would believe in the right to decide what to believe, knowing that I will make mistakes... just like Constantine and his buddies did.**

**I don't want to be disrespectful but on the 'Ark Experience' many of the cages contained dinosaurs. According to them, Noah 'probably' took babies so they wouldn't take up much space... hmm. Am I hell bound if I disagree?**

**What is the historicity of the books of; Job, Judith and Esther and are there other books whose historical accuracy are debatable? The speaker said that according to the Catholic church, historicity isn't directly related to authenticity and Godly inspiration. On the flipside he said that just because a text is historically accurate doesn't mean it's inspired or authoritative.**

**According to the American History Channel there are about 30 million species of animals on earth... nice going Noah, loading them all on the ark in seven days was quite a feat... or did he just load the "clean ones?" That's a theory of some experts and would make the job manageable... but wouldn't the un-clean one's have drowned? TV show today says there are 2,500 species of termites alone...did Noah take them? They might eaten the ark so I guess they were left behind in their; mounds, wood and other terrestrial abodes.**

## **Bias**

**"I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of"...Clarence Darrow. I'm not agnostic and I agree with his quote.**



## **Bird World**

## **Breasticisms**

I have a criteria for tipping the waitress that really shouldn't be discussed, since it's based too much on appearance. In fact a MythBuster's study showed that men tipped big bosomed women 30% more than other gals...but women tipped them 40% more! I also base tips on service and even on how mommy raised her, which you can sometimes tell... way to go Momma! As far as tipping waiters, my criteria's more objective, like level of service and does he support a family etc.

Sorry... but if you don't hire comely waitresses, I'll probably just eat at McD's.

## **Britain**

## **Bugs**

I've got no use for bugs but as long as they stay out of our house and off our deck, I'll leave them alone... after all God made them, some are beautiful and some are pests

My job is to put bugs in peoples ears... not literally of course.

Humans aren't the only ones who have designated hunting seasons, the bugs do too. In June the ticks hunt us, in August it's mostly the mosquitos.

The only good thing about bugs is that you can usually hear them coming but I still don't like it when we have to use bug spray in the house to keep them off us...

Are you willing to take a chance on the zombie apocalypse or whatever catastrophe may be in store if we eliminate *bad bugs* like flies, mosquitos and invasive Lady bugs? I am and think Purina or Blue Buffalo will take care of feeding the frogs...kidding, kidding!

Dust mites? If they weren't so ugly it wouldn't be a bad thing to come back as. What a gig! Living off of human dust makes them kind of like the dogs of the bug world except we can't see them. They're sort of domesticated but is there flavor and protein in dust?

I spared a moth and lost some cloth... I'd rather clean a spot off the wall then empty my closet☺

Just found another place where those tiny little germ brains work overtime. They've figured out how to make your nose itch when you grab the handle of the shopping cart.

**There are lots of germs on those handles and they want to get into your head... just like in truck stop restrooms and the like.**

**How is it that a fruit fly with its tiny brain recognizes and avoids the can of bug spray?**

**It's interesting how the bugs know when to attack which today is when I start moving the wheelbarrow. My hands are occupied and I'm at their mercy unless I put it down, or is that just sweat... no it's those darn bugs!**

## **Business**

**"I am good businessman Mr. Cheng? You are grandfather of wisdom your Excellency"...West of Shanghai**

**I own my customers a decent job and gentlemanly conduct, hopefully they'll come back for more but jumping through hoops is only for rare, special occasions. If my work isn't fantastic, at least they'll hopefully remember that overall their interaction with me was pleasant ☺**

**If you want to be an equal partner shouldn't you contribute equally? It's the old thing about being rewarded for results not just for effort.**

**When will that bank wire arrive? Not until I stop checking for it daily.**

**Clients are like women... the worse you treat them the more you like them ... kidding!**

**In marketing as in hunting go for big game, use a guide if you have to and cut out the middleman when you can.**

**I agree that networking can be effective but it also can also amount to little more than middlemen, middleman-ing each other. I'm for direct marketing, cut out the middleman, cut to the chase, make those cold calls and you'll end up directly in from of a person or group that can buy your product or service.**

**One-hundred cold calls and 50 personalized cut and pasted emails might yield 8 appointments and eventually result in one contract. That sounds pretty bad until you realize that the database will be useful again in 3 or 4 months, and in between someone who was contacted but had 'no need' may decide they do.**

**A bunch business people who should be direct marketing to potential customers individually or as a group of customers instead get together to middleman each other. I'll give you my customers if you give me yours... PT Barnum would be proud but very few will**

be profitable... ☺ they're not interested in sending you their customers they'll find something in their repertoire they can sell them to 'cure their ails', and they'll be glad to take yours.

A British officer once said that when in a war zone, they kept their gun in their hand and the safety off all the time. In business you may want to keep your phone on your person and the ringer on at all times...

“Live from the most powerful city in the world”... CNBC, truth, arrogance or something else?

## **Capitalism**

## **Charity**

People sometimes claim to be doing nice things out of the goodness of their heart but I have to wonder... especially when most of the nice things we do seem tied to the interests of ourselves, family, world view or cult... what you don't see many people do is help their enemy... which unless I'm mistaken is highly *recommended*.

## **Children (young and old)**

Both of us, especially you will feel better if you make it on your own, which doesn't preclude our family from helping you. That's a good thing and happens all the time in responsible families...less responsible families rely more on society to help and irresponsible ones may rely entirely on others. We're told it's through no fault of their own but I doubt it.

If you're dealing with adults treat them as such, don't lecture, belittle and disrespect them... even if they were once your children. Whenever you're the adult in the room act like one...

## **China**

The Chinese have admitted to having 3,000 kilometers of underground military tunnels and apparently don't care that we know. The *expert* said that come world war III, the side with the most tunnels wins. China has 1.4 billion people. we have 400 million and years ago Mao said they could survive losing hundreds of millions of people...hmmm. Bible

prophecy *hints?* that China will send a 200 million man army against Israel and lose... so will China's Great Wall and great tunnels be a waste of time and money?

## **Church**

## **Civilization**

“These fishes in the sea they're staring at me oh oh, life's too short to even care at all, oh, oh these zombies in the park they're looking for my heart, oh, oh”... Young the Giant

Death is still 100% certain in the long run but no one's been killed by a Sabertooth Tiger in 10,000 years...and 10,000 years ago no one killed by texting while they drive.

Civilize the #\$\$%xs, the ^&\*+!# s, or the @~#^&\*s? Heck we can't even civilize ourselves!

‘Super-human’ efforts may or may not save the world, but our current ‘sub-human’ efforts almost guarantee disaster... God help us!

So many problems and so many opportunities in this world! Whether it's Isis, home invasions by local thugs, being attacked by a chimp at the ‘sanctuary’, or eaten by a mountain lion that's wandered into Indiana from the south, dangers abound, not to mention that every country in the world has his own set of unique problems, ranging from earthquakes to unrest. It's a great big exciting world as it has been from the beginning! Meanwhile; pastors, mullahs, priests and rabbis stoke young men to violence, who otherwise would be playing ball, drinking tea or beer, smoking cigarettes or dope and looking at the pretty girls and the girls would be doing their own thing if do if not for *wholly* men.

## **Climate Change**

Its December 12, 2015 Indianapolis, I'm driving and have to turn the air conditioner on... I believe we set a new record today... about 70 F... hmmm.

It's February 1, 2016 and a Robin's digging for worms in our backyard climate change? Nahhh ☺

If the earth is going to go into another Ice Age 1,500 years maybe we should save our fossil fuels so we can release massive amounts of carbon dioxide when we really need to.

## **Competition**

"All invading armies except the Mongols didn't believe the Russian weather reports. Napoleon didn't believe them and Hitler didn't believe them, the greatest generals in Russian army are General January and General February"... History Channel *expert*?

Competing views... that's what it's all about and that would be okay if it didn't lead to conflict and war all the time.

Loaded for bear means your gun's has big bullets in it, which is a good thing when you're in a tight spot. If you're meeting adversaries, do it on yours or neutral ground, keep a safe distance, be respectful and watch your back.

Survival, competition, dominance, playing fair or unfair, known unknowns, unknown unknowns, blame games and the quest to prove that God's on "our side" is pretty much the story of our planet.. sorry, I'm watching the day Kennedy died and it's jading me.

Everyone seems to have a pet 'cause' that justifies or allows violence. Even if we say we don't, arguably we do because we don't speak out, vote against it or even vote for those who allow it... we're are complicit be we Quakers, Shakers or fakers.

The frenetic pace kept by humans for technological competition has been for superiority and perceived security on among nations. Eventually it may be for survival against other worldly beings...like it or not we may encounter unfriendly aliens and it would be a mistake to show up for a death-ray fight with guns and knives.

"Lots of people living in competition, all I want is to have my peace of mind"... Boston

## **Conflict and War**

"What is somebody gave a War and nobody came?"... unknown

The above would be fantastic if it was a bad war, which IMO most of them are.

Old empires and ancient peoples are trying to reemerge while new ones fight to maintain their hard won power. Will it be settled in the valley as "foretold?"

There are lots of people and nations that shouldn't be 'trifled with' but trifle we do... unfortunately it's what people do best.

I think that the Bible says *love your enemy* but does that jive with 'official policy?' Case law and the Constitution say one thing... WWJD?

If two wrongs don't make a right, how many do? Don't worry the human race is working on it...

"You may not be interested in war but war is interested in you", says the neocon, referencing an old adage. He used it to bolster his view that we should be policeman to the world... especially to certain countries of interest to him and his cronies. That statement is true, fair warning and important but it's also true the more you hegemon and interfere in the affairs of other countries, the more likely they will be interested in war with you.

There are tyrants and subjugators everywhere... some use guns and bombs, some use votes and laws and some are even more conniving.

The line, 'what if somebody gave a war and nobody came', would be great if neither side came but all it takes is a few people to show up from one side and it ruins a whole thing...

We are species that likes to complain which is no surprise because we are also a species that likes to meddle and to make war...

Is it better to say you're Christian and support war, or not say you're Christian and oppose war? What did Jesus say about war? Matthew 24:7; "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places."

I don't think that what the Jews do is always right but I know what Hitler did was always wrong... IMO by most standards they're the smartest people in the world and there's also wisdom and they are all over the place as per that...

Ironic... you want to kill Muslims, they want to kill you, what's his name wants to kill pot smokers and someone else wants to kill adulterers...please get your guns, form a circle and get it over with.

Whether the problem are great or small, and the 'solutions' tweaking or violence, I'll try the straight, narrow, peaceful course but keep my powder dry and my eye on the blind spots.

The solution may be to go our separate ways an there is plenty of room out in space to separate the great distances but the empires don't want to do that they don't want to lose her tax base and their influence and see outliers as "existential threats."

So when you say I just need to have faith in your church and your guy all I can say is I have plenty of thing but it's not in your church it's in God may be the same God of the universe one that will help you Manatee and not at the cost of evil and pliers like Rome and those that preceded and followed it running the show

I can see intervening in some cases but we do it like it's going out of style. Everyone may want more or less the same things but everyone's not an Englishmen or American. Hard as

you try to impose democracy on Arabs or whoever, you *may* not succeed. Are the Arab's descendants of Ishmael and does the Bible refer to Ishmael as, “.. a wild donkey of a man.” In any case I wonder if some people are like Labs, some like Pits and some like Collies? Maybe we should occasionally let sleeping dogs lie.

I'm for protecting the U.S.A. and to me that means controlling our; borders, interior, air space and access to international sea lanes. I think this isn't a particularly popular view so I'm not talking about it very much. Many seem to think foreign wars are the answer, I respectfully disagree and wonder, WW J G and Abe do?

The history of the human race is one of conflict, atrocities, bravery, compassion and heroism. From Nazism, China's Long March, slavery and so many other terrible things to the good things such as the people who resisted the Nazis, the Underground Railroad etc. This leaves us with having to decide if we want our bloodline to continue, or not. It's your decision and either way is 'okay.' I vote 'continue' and suggest that *you* should get started soon because we'll never know when the next conflagration is going to come... if you decide otherwise that's your right.

The 'Morning Call' newspaper in Allentown published the 911 falling man's photo and it showed how horrible that day was, but so was Hiroshima, Dresden and every day that Israel kills 50 Palestinians civilians to avenge one Jewish death. We tend to excuse or buffer the enormity of man's inhumanity to man when our leaders tell us we're killing others for the right reasons...in our case it's usually the desire for our enemy to unconditionally surrender.

If you want to fight wars be my guest, but stop getting the whole country into them and telling us how important it is for our calling card to be bombs... most of the time, you not doing anyone a favor except the special interests.

“In peace, sons bury their fathers. In war, fathers bury their sons”... Herodotus

“99 Decision Street, 99 ministers meet

To worry, worry, super-scurry

Call out the troops now in a hurry

This is what we've waited for

This is it, boys, this is war.. The war machine, it springs to life. Opens up one eager eye...  
99 knights of the air

Ride super high-tech jet fighters

**Everyone's a super hero**

**Everyone's a Captain Kirk**

**With orders to identify**

**To clarify and classify**

**Scramble in the summer sky**

**99 red balloons go by"... Carlo Karges (Nena)**

**"He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore"...  
Micah 4:3**

## **Conforming**

**"I've wasted time, I've wasted breath, I think I've thought myself to death"... Kongos**

**The environmentalists might say you're irrational if you don't subscribe to their point of view and religionist's might say reason's irrelevant and only God's will matters... which of course they know best.**

**The flag-waving Harley riders who're so proud of their American-made bike might be surprised to find out how many parts come from made overseas. So many of these self-proclaimed free-spirits sport the same attire and cocky-ness as they gun their engines and seemingly take great pleasure in announcing their arrival to the irritation of many those around them... I guess that's what makes them so 'unique.' They crow about 'not giving a damn' but IMO they're the most compliant non-conformists I've ever seen... the only thing unique about them is their disregard for others...**

**Are all the girls dying their hair blue or do I just keep seeing the same girl?**

**As I try out the new electric shaver I'm reminded of the friend who seems to think that it's the 'shave that makes the man' and uses a blade so he'll get a good one. This electric is about the same as the last one with a new battery and fresh blades but still won't shave as close as cold steel. Some guys think there better men cause of their muscles, money or whatever and that's fine with me. It's in the eye of the holder or whoever they're trying to impress... and don't tell me they're not ☺**



So stop trying to please the aforementioned or anyone else... leave people pleasing to the professionals...like most juggling acts pleasing everyone is best when performed by the professional aka clowns...

Of course I care what other people think, some more than others but I'd be a damn fool to base my life on it.

If Dr. Dick was right then I'm a sociopath and so might millions of other people be... the rest being hypocrites.

The more invested you are in the stock market, the more your invested in the entire system. You have a vested interest in supporting the status quo, MIC and PTB. Eventually you have to go with the flow because your fortunes rise and fall with theirs. That's exactly what our handlers want, just like they insist on being paymaster for the military and the police... they need them on their side. They want to be our paymaster too so they can rock our world at will. Meanwhile if you don't participate you're *spanked* via the tax code etc.

Whether it's politics, cosmetic surgery, religion, what I should do with the fruit of my labor and whether it's family, friends or strangers I care what people think but will do my best not to let them run my life... so far at best it's a dead heat.

## **Conspicuous consumption**

## **Conspiracies**

"I think some of these things are in the ethos and I'm Just the rod that brings them out"...  
Joe Kernan

Conspiracies? Sure. Grand conspiracy maybe, but there're many competing interest groups within a nation like ours, each defining patriotism differently from time to time and all saying partisan politics must end of the water's edge. I agree but think it generally should be at the edge of our water not someone else's...some of my countrymen disagree.

Even *if* "grand conspiracy" theories are true, there will be fractures because of probable; religious, gender, racial, philosophical and/or ideological differences among the clique, each their constituencies each vying for power and pulling for 'their side.' Or do you think the grand conspiracy is simply white males of one religion who aren't married with children? Give me a break...

**Conspiracy? Think of the halls of Kremlin, the Forbidden city in China and places in every country where the rich and powerful gather to further their agenda. Not to mention hypothetical alien intervention (aka Angels and Demons) and is the God of the infiniverse involved? How could he not be...one way or another.**

**I heard somebody talking about conspiracy theory as this I walked past Victoria's Secret, he didn't believe in them. I think they're usually a bunch of competing ones and at any given time in history a few major ones dominate events... they're the closest thing I've seen to a grand conspiracy... but I could be quite wrong.**

**Maybe there is a grand conspiracy but I think it's more likely that powerful interest groups with priorities and agendas are trying to get their way and it's been like that since day one.**

**Grand conspiracy? Maybe. Notable conspiracies? Probably. Numerous tier 2 conspiracies almost certainly. Lose sleep over them? Try not to and do your best to make the best of things... there's always opportunity as well as tragedy.**

**"I will listen hard to your tuition, and you will see it come to its fruition... then you'll find your servant is your master"... The Police**

## **Constitution**

**"The Constitution is not designed to facilitate change, it's designed to impede change"... Antonin Scalia**

**You 'Inc.' a business but you 'enshrine' a Constitution... it's a far more serious matter.**

**Separation of church should be protected by an Inconel wall. The constitution should be secular but guarantee freedom of peaceful religions (is that an oxy?)**

**Instead of bequeathing huge fortunes to children or other heirs, maybe it should be bequeathed to the constitution. Otherwise you create an aristocracy and the people lose the very constitution that was meant to prevent a hereditary class of princes and the constitution changes from a living thing to a giving thing...for the rich. Sorry Donald, I like some of your ideas but not the one that makes your children our masters.**

**The government should be caretaker not carver of the Constitution...and being caretaker doesn't mean being a technocrat, it requires guts and creativity.**

**Some people take the Bible literally, some don't... and a few of us take the U.S. Constitution literally... Other than slavery and mistreatment of Native Americans I can't think of any problems I have with anything in the original U.S. Constitution and wouldn't change anything the founding fathers enshrined therein.**

**I hold the constitution more sacred than the flag which I also respect. One is an instrument guaranteeing inalienable rights, the other is a rallying point for those determined to protect those rights, or in some cases to debase them.**

**When you wave the flag I'll wave the constitution...I'll wave the flag too but not necessarily on command. Unfortunately the flag and the constitution have been abused both by those waving them and by those burning them.**

**"No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State"... U.S. Constitution**

**"Day after day the court is constructing an America that I cannot imagine"... Antonin Scalia – (I doubt that George and the boys would either.)**

**"Congress shall have power to raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years"... U.S. Constitution**

## **Contractors**

## **Cooperation**

**It's fruitless to try and make everyone like you and it's foolish to antagonize everyone you meet...**

**What's to understand? You toe the line or get beat down, it's worse over there but it's also pervasive here... the bar is set way too low☺**

**We're not in the sky looking down benefiting from a bird's eye view so when someone's agenda conflicts with yours, realized they have rights too...so try to coexist.**

**The fact that some people make rude comments all the time doesn't necessarily make them assholes it makes them 'quite' human.**

**I'm not super-efficient but there are some people who are super inefficient and society demands that others subsidize them. That's fine to a point and society gets to make the choice but when those who wish to be subsidized outnumber and out vote the more efficient members of society it's eventually disastrous. Citizens who subsidize the indolent who pay no income tax through their income taxes should have more than just a say in the matter,**

they should at least have an opt-out option, so if the system gets too ridiculous and won't reform they leave that country or state with their property untaxed and unencumbered.

## **Co-optation**

**“Tooth for tooth, eye for an eye, sell your soul just to bop on by”... Stevie Ray Vaughan**

**It's so nice (not) all these people telling us what *wisdom of the ages* is valid and what's racism, discrimination or whatever. We're told it's no longer important to have children and continue your family line, instead that's greedy and it's now “someone else's turn.” Meanwhile we've been duped into embracing the very values that will destroy us... they call it ‘justice for all’, I call it co-opting and treachery disguised as humanitarianism. Lawyers and social engineers are not qualified to run our lives... nor are the 'wholly' men.**

## **Corruption**

**Despite petty rivalries, they stick together while they steal us blind and we can't see the forest for the trees...**

## **Crime**

**Is it possible that Bill Cosby's the worst serial rapist in American history and will go unpunished? Statute of limitations is BS...**

**Some monsters just might deserve cruel and unusual punishment but not sadistic punishment... Bill Bradford comes to mind. In certain cases the 'usual' punishment's a joke and our goal should be to punish the criminal and hopefully deter copycats. The 'usual' punishment frequently fails to do this, in my book deterrence should be the # 1 goal and if it takes cruel and unusual but not sadistic punishment then so be it.**

**The truly “cruel and unusual punishment” is when society imprisons someone for a ‘victimless crime’ (IMO there are victimless crimes) and allows that person to be raped, sodomized and/or assaulted by the true predators. The travesty is when violent criminals who are caught red-handed and verifiably convicted are given three-squares, TV, weights and God knows what else at the expense of the taxpayers instead of bread and water and a life of hard-labor, or other punishment that deters violent crime. If you imprison people**

for smoking pot or other *crimes* that are non-violent but offend your morals and allow them to be brutalized by hard core criminals in prison, then you are the monsters.

If the day comes when murder, rape etc. is eradicated then severe punishment can die with them. Until then, murderers and the like should be culled from society, otherwise we are a ship of fools.

The Jewish Holocaust may be the worst crime in the history of the world, certainly it's up there with African slavery and the genocide of native Americans etc. So how do you correct for them? I'm not for reparations except for living victims of living perpetrators. IMO descendants of these crimes deserve protection and equality and any proven ill-gotten gains that have made perpetrator families rich and powerful should go into a general fund not directly to descendants of crimes against humanity. Such reparations and special status compound the problem, increase dependency or make a few of them rich at the expense of others.

I favor *something* of a return to the age of chivalry minus the good old boys as much as possible and those who don't want society 'take care' of predators can protect themselves instead via psychobabble and bleeding hearts, since those methods are currently embraced by society anyway.

IMO women do tend to be a little kinder than men and that's another reason to appreciate and listen to their counsel, but that same kindness can lead to errors in judgment to specially when dealing with criminals etc.

'Cruel' as in as severe as necessary to deter, 'unusual' as in well thought out but not sadistic. Deterrence should be the primary; goal, hope and the ideal. Of course we don't want to become monsters ourselves but neither should we let bleeding hearts or fools deter us from deterring the real monsters who prey on the innocent.

## **Criticism**

"They don't like people like me questioning what they've been taught and continue to teach"... Henry Lincoln

Thin skinned? Take it, fake it or shmake it?

If you 'know something' useful should you share it with someone who's cruel, critical, unappreciative and likely to throw it back in your face? Certainly if it's a matter of life and limb you should.

**Don't explain yourself and don't not explain yourself ... just be yourself.**

## **Cults**

**“Your lights are on but no one's home, your mind is not your own”... Robert Palmer**

**I'd rather be a member of a society than a cult, the difference being...figure it out ☺**

**If you have *faith and trust* you're supposed to believe certain things are going to happen and supposed to do everything you can to help it happen. I think 'it' *might* happen which leaves me on the fence and self-defense mode instead of on the offensive for a prescribed outcome and that's all right with me.**

**Is it ironic or just human nature that people from all cultures can be so loving or so hateful? We're taught or wired to be either depending on who we're told to love, hate or help and that can depend on our instincts, thought process, religion or 'marching orders.'**

**Is it a surprise that after the 'honeymoon's over' most people eventually choose their ideology or theology over there lover...**

**If you go to counseling with someone who like you thinks your worldview's superior and anybody who doesn't conform is wrong, then I question the value of your counseling. You're not receiving help, you're just reinforcing your cult affiliation at the expense of others. It's not unlike when the cult *warns* you not to read anything that contradicts your 'Book' and gives you an approved reading list instead.**

**Election after election they promise better this and better that but the only thing that gets done is the pursuit of manifest destiny. Worldwide a trillion a year is spent by competing cults to fund their attempts to dominate the planet.**

**IMO Christianity is probably the most powerful cult in the history of the world and 'in a way' I'm glad it is...I'd hate for Islam to hold the title and impose itself to the same extent, although it's on the march and neither's proven to be particularly benevolent when they're 'in power.'**

**In the \$100? Trillion world wide economy, \$ X trillion is spent annually promoting various religious 'narratives.' Even if X% of it is for so called operating expenses, 'operations'**

largely involve convincing people that their lives should be devoted to 'the cause.' The result is they're encouraged, if not 'instructed' to vote for, agitate and promulgate the 'narrative' in all that they do. The result is various apocalyptic cults pitted against each other. Is it any wonder that history's ripe with religious wars and that it may finally be reaching its climax? Let's pray for human reason or Godly intervention...and hope that peace is His intention after all... because I've limited faith in human reason.

Apocalyptic, rule the world, death cults... there's more than a couple out there.

I neither trust or believe in these apocalyptic cults, which doesn't mean they won't achieve the destruction they 'predict.' I do believe in God, seek him but don't understand or comprehend Him.

People generally accept the cults that they were raised in or that dominate society because doing so comes with perks and is easier than doing 'research' ourselves. Some make more or less sense than others and for the life of me I can't understand how people hang with some of them.

If I believe in Christianity, it might be a pre-Constantine and pre-Nicean form when there was still a healthy debate about the movement. That being said maybe we should distance ourselves from each other so we don't clash.

I'm not wholeheartedly in favor of the form of Christianity which Constantine's mother Helena may have lobbied for and which her son, emperor of the known world may have lobbied the cloistered bishops for and eventually emblazoned with his stamp of approval.

In my opinion the history of the world is intertwined with the competition between personality cults and needless to say they play to win. They generally preach peace but you don't have to read between the lines to realize that ultimately they believe the end justifies the means.

Societies, religions and nations can be like the swarms of bees or birds that we see in the sky. They act in unison like a single organism which might help explain how a prophecy is fulfilled. When an entire society or religion acts as one mind with one goal it just might be achieved... groupthink at its *best*.

It's possible these great religions are personality cults. It's not a stretch to propose that they not only fit the definition but they also have similarities to earlier cults from whatever regions they came from...

If you don't comply with the paradigm you're not called nonconforming you're called traitor or worse...evidence to the contrary be damned.

Any group that chastises its members for looking at the *other side of the coin* and/or studying; history, archaeology, science etc. and brands other points of view automatically evil and/or satanic IMO is a cult. They have that right but I would like to put as much distance as possible between myself and the powerful cults that have these beliefs. At the present time and maybe forever it's impossible to avoid them but at least 'most' of them are peaceful, although their various commissions aren't always tolerant or in favor of coexistence.

For those who disrespect the entire human race other than their own; clique, clan or cult shame on you, no matter who *taught* you that.

Genuine, cult, culture? In any case it's powerful beyond compare and regardless of the Bible's literal truth it's unstoppable and as long as it's tolerant of the peaceful it's good. It hasn't always been but it may have the best record of the religions. Maybe it will save the world...?

“When people want to believe, they believe and that's when they stop thinking”...unknown

## Cryonics

Do Cryonics and assisted suicide go hand in hand or are they immoral?

My que will be when I can't *hold it* anymore and/or my mouth runs uncontrollably and embarrassingly...

## Dad

Today would have been Dad's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday and went by his grave at Crown Hill Cemetery...it was beautiful as usual. Cleaned his memorial marker with water and a paper towel and the marble shined again. As I pulled up I caught the last few bars of *Dust in the Wind* on the radio, which I may have heard another time I was here? In any case the music on the radio has seemed *appropriate* on these visits. Kneeling next to his grave I wondered if he knew I was there? Who knows! I've heard the expression “feel things in your bones” and I wonder if it means more than just a change in the weather... maybe we have a million years of memory in our bones and even when they're in the ground they might remember or be conscious??? I had the feeling he'd want me to tell him what was going on in the world so I told him that nothing much has changed since he left and there's still a lot of trouble out there. I should have told him about the family...and next time I'll remember to. As I was leaving I heard a few bars of *Candle in the Wind* by Elton John on the radio... what a strange world this is.



Turned radio on at Crown Hill and it's forever Young by Rod Stewart followed by Father's be Good to Your Daughters, followed by walk like an Egyptian and finally Demons by Imagine Dragons... it's March 15<sup>th</sup>, tomorrow's the first anniversary of Dad's passing. Not sure what to make of that last song, it is what it is and the lyrics aren't that bad... at least the first three songs were good!

When Dad passed away I closed the eye that was still open, I think it was his left eye which may have been seeing Ted and I right up until the end...should I have left it open longer?

## **Debt**

## **Democracy**

Rule one, if you're outnumbered look for a different system because democracy won't guarantee you a single right.

Forfeit our rights because you can out vote us? I don't think so...how stupid is that?

I believe everyone's life has meaning and don't believe in majority rule when it comes to constitutional or "God given" rights. It's too easy for those in power to steal from us while clocking there thievery in various disguises.

Pure democracy has always been seriously but not fatally flawed but don't say that to those who worship it. For those who are in the majority to tell the minority to suck it up makes no sense to the minority. If something's wrong with society like slavery it should be abolished but don't make people who didn't participate pay for the mistakes of the past, unless you can directly connect dots to large present day fortunes. Asking for a 'class action' to financially punish most or all Americans to benefit the slaves descendants is an affront that should be fought. Equal opportunity without special legal privileges for any group should be the norm and a strong constitution is at least as important as a representative form of government to guarantee that. The Constitution should be impossible to subvert and very difficult to change but in a pure democracy as De Tocqueville pointed out a welfare state is almost inevitably voted into existence. A pure democracy goes back-and-forth bullying one group and favoring another. Demographics become destiny as one group rallies to out-baby the others in order to gain control... usually at the expense of those they intend to replace.

There's nothing wrong with democracy it's fantastic when applied in moderation.

Pure democracy - doing what you shouldn't because you have to. A 'Republic' form of democracy - doing what you have to because you should.

I'm guessing it wasn't lost on the founding fathers, that women outnumber men. If they wouldn't surrender their rights to the superior *British* army, why would they enshrine a system where by the vote they'd eventually have to surrender their rights to the more populous gender? 'Employed by' isn't a problem, governed by straddles 'the line' but ruled by others should be as unacceptable as any other form of vassal-dom... free people should be citizens not subjects.

I'm opposed to pure democracy because it leads to free people being ruled by others instead of governed, or employed.

Pure democracy? I don't think so We should never allow something to happen to us just because you're outnumbered, whether by votes or by guns. Consider the council and opinions of others but if they want to dispossess, take the fruit of your labor for others, or have any other travesty in mind...you'd best consider your options.

Pure democracy? I don't think so... we have never and should never allow something to happen to us just because we are outnumbered, whether it's by votes or buy guns we should take the Council of those who want to express her opinion but if they want to dispose SS of something because they outnumber us were out gun us we should consider our options

Since we sometimes have quite different points of views, your opinion of what is fair might be quite different than my opinion. Since yours outnumber mine at the polls you can force us to submit to your worldview. You may even think you're treating us fair but either way, you're going to bludgeon the minority.

I'm happy for everybody to vote as long as it doesn't result in some people losing their rights. Regarding people who might say, 'it's our turn now, you did this to my ancestors.' All I can say is brothers let's not be weak just because others were, there's too much at stake for everyone involved... not to mention that we probably weren't even alive in those bad old days.

Everybody has to pander or cater (take your pick) to women from the pastor to the president, although none of them admit it. Few would 'volunteer' to be ruled by someone physically stronger than them, so why allow those who outnumber you people to rule you? Like the old trapper said, "I do love the ladies but there ain't no thing God made harder than a woman's breast", maybe the trapper mistook 'hard' for 'determined.' Women are wonderful but troublesome to us and vice versa and despite once having had a 'full-time night woman' the old trapper hadn't been around women all that much. That notwithstanding, men are fools to allow themselves to be ruled by women. Whether it's due to beauty when they're young, money when they're old, cookies, sex or the voting booth it's time to knock the barnacles off the hull... the only thing worse than the women in my life are the men...

Pure democracy which the founding fathers were against has resulted in the greatest ~~peace~~ ~~time~~-forfeiture of rights in the history of the world... hmm.

Pure democracy and law-enforcement being beholden to paymasters will not only ruin this country it will ruin any country. When the police and military are beholden to elitists who can pay, not pay or somehow fire them we're doomed... we are doomed. It wasn't just de Tocqueville who saw this, the people taking advantage of it controlling purse-strings and winning votes by promising largess or by owning the media also took note and they haven't looked back yet.

I don't care if I vote or if you vote but I do care that you and I have all the rightful God given rights of free people, including; life, liberty, pursuit of happiness etc. I don't want to have the right to take away your rights and I don't want you to have the right to take away my rights, either by; force, money or votes. I think a most important thing for fair governance is a rock solid Constitution that a community or a country; believes in, administers and enforces. It's equally important that said Constitution isn't undermined by special interest groups with superior; money, arms, numbers or intellect.

## **Denominations**

I'm not an expert but I think the laws of nature and the universe are fairly logical, whereas religious laws, rules and dogma often seem illogical and designed to help one group another and that seem like a human construct.

I believe in freedom of religion not in the superiority of 'a' religion.

I think there are various bell curves regarding respect for religious rights. Depending on the country you're in and the people you know wherever you live, some will respect freedom of religion no matter what, some will respect it when they have to and some won't respect it... no matter what.

I believe in God and belong to a church, not to a religion...

Can I say amen? Darn right I can.

Particular religions may dominate because people fear the religionists might harm them for leaving (Islam) or they'll burn in hell forever if they don't join (Christianity) both are power incentives/threats which the lesser religions tend not to use. The religions that promise heavenly rewards roughly equivalent to Christianity and Islam generally haven't grown as fast as the threat based religions... I hope that changes.

Christianity might be 100 times better than Islam but that doesn't mean it's what it says it is and it doesn't mean that Constantine Christianity honors and spreads the message of Jesus Christ. If Jesus' message is the same yesterday today, tomorrow and forever, why would he tell the original apostles to go and spread his word and then tell Constantine to conquer in his name?

I don't dismiss Constantine's claims but I'm skeptical of them, maybe they're true and maybe Jesus aka God? wanted him to go forth and conquer in his name...

I think Jesus said to spread his word, I don't think he said go forth and conquer in his name, but... the emperor thought or declared so. The emperor's claim and declaration soon became a dual mandate for Christians who decided that it was OK not just to spread the gospel but also to conquer in his name... WWJB?

I'm not a fundamentalist, Nicean or Constantinian, so in the opinion of most I'm not a Christian... for what it's worth that's not my opinion.

To be a Christian do you have to celebrate Roman pagan holidays? Just wondering.

My window for open-minded discussion of theology and ideology was high school through early college years... after that most of us seem to have picked sides... and pretty much stuck with them. When in doubt we retreat to the books and authors were "supposed" to read for comfort, edification and reassurance.

What I don't like as if it matters are absolutist or even consensus interpretations of history, scripture and other things that are probably subjective despite their proponents calling them objective. The Old and New Testaments for example are interpreted slightly or quite differently by various groups ranging from; Christians, Jews, Muslims, Gnostics, Deists, agnostics, atheists, historians and scientists. I think they all have the right to their views but some seem to claim they have *the patents* and given the power will bludgeon you with the good book or worse...I oppose them albeit weakly.

Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist whatever... we're all 'just' naked apes... at least that's what we've been acting like... sorry apes ☺

They've always been a lot of opinions about Jesus as per the selected gospels, the rejected gospels and other ancient texts. The ones that prevailed have done their best to dominate and eliminate the others which they call everything from heretical to satanic.

Regardless of if I were a Christian or a Unitarian, I'm considered backslid by both ☺

The pundit said Islam's in need of a reformation like Christianity's from several hundred years ago. I agree Islam badly needs reform but the Christian reformation wasn't as successful as we'd like to think. For example instead of mostly private armies descending

on the middle east as in the days of the crusaders, we now vote for candidates who will send national armies to those same lands...we haven't come as far as we think.

I respect your 'theology' be it Christianity, other religions, environmentalism or no religion as long as your peaceful...

A major difference between my Muslim and Christian relatives is that the Christian's never say they'll kill you if you don't convert and that you have the right to change religions. My impression is that the Muslims may think differently although each of them is an individual and may have their own ideas. It's still a major difference although it may be mostly philosophical or 'academic', since I think the majority of them are peaceful. A major similarity between my Muslim and Christian relatives is that they all seem to love their families, countries and want to enjoy life to the fullest.

Actually the 'great religions' seem to use the same techniques as the Romans and pharaohs. They try hard to suppress other versions of history and make use of debate stopping name calling like saying someone who disagrees with their books is 'the evil one.' Just like the pharaohs only carved their a version of history into stone, modern religions historically burned the books of those who contradicted their versions of events... and I'm not sure they wouldn't do it again give the chance. Meanwhile, they've found that until that day arrives, they can maintain considerable control by instructing their flock on what to read and what not to read because it's 'satanic' or whatever. Meanwhile the church 'borrowed' heavily from the Romans and from the Mithras and other cults, just as the Old Testament writers borrowed from the Sumerians (Noah/Gilgamesh), Egyptians (proverbs) and others.

I don't defer to Gandhi on Christians, I just refer to Gandhi on Christians...

I'm probably about as Christian as; Franklin, Jefferson and Adams and maybe less Christian than Washington... maybe. If you don't like my religious beliefs, what do you think of; Jefferson's, Franklins, Lincoln's or Grants? I wouldn't be surprised if they get a pass...or a re-write courtesy of the PC police.

I'd be very happy to be called or to call myself a Christian but I don't think I'm 'qualified' since I'm just baptized and have asked Jesus to be my savior. I'm advised that the 'enquiries' I have about Christianity disqualify me from the being in the Lambs book. I see Jesus as the gold standard but his flock does not accept me and they say Jesus aka God according to them won't either... I hope they're wrong.

I consider myself a borderline Christian although I'm told there's no such thing or it's a sacrilege... I think maybe there is and IMO there's nothing wrong with being borderline unless the church can prove its claims, which IMO they've failed to do.

## **Despotism**

## **Discrimination**

**“It's hard to hold a candle in the cold November rain”... Guns and Roses**

**Some gay men are extremely promiscuous and some hetros are too... so is it wrong to comment on the morality of either? Is it a violation of the, ‘judge not lest ye be judged too?’ I think we should be allowed to comment and even to discriminate (yes discriminate) in the areas of ‘association’ and business based on our ‘appraisal’ but not to persecute, though self-defense of our way of life and loved ones may result in ‘action’ if we are materially threatened by others... meanwhile the necessities of life and limb should not be withheld if we discriminate and they should have the right to discriminate us as well.**

**Has being half Egyptian led to discrimination, maybe, maybe not... I don’t know for sure, but being something of a fly on the wall I’ve heard ‘some things.’**

**Why do you take it as a personal insult that I don’t want to live among your people? You are welcome to ask me not to live next to you and we both have the same rights... another words we have to accept the other as our neighbor. If people move into space and settle on a distant moon, will they have to allow everyone to settle on their rock or can they make the rules... not if some earthlings have their way.**

## **Diversity?**

**“Not a word I heard could I relate, the story was quite clear”... Led Zep**

**It's not funny that saying everybody should be treated equal and nobody to get special privileges is currently twisted into meaning that you’re an oppressive racist, chauvinist or whatever.**

**One of the four best men I've ever known is black, the other three include a South American, a Jew and my late friend Henry. All four are, or were kind, capable and bright. None of them ridicule, insult or engage in cruel pranks toward me which I appreciate. I guess I can think of a couple guys from ‘my tribe’ for which I can say the same.**

**It's not ‘just’ that they're not my people it's mostly that when we 'come together' they replace my people and we disappear. So despite the obvious criticism, in good conscience I say, go in peace, I wish you well.**

**I won't agitate for the races to 'bleed into one' as the song says, which some say would eliminate a great deal of strife. I doubt that very much and believe people would still fight mightily over; land, love, ideology, religion etc. All we'd 'gain' is uniformity, conformity and less of that much touted 'diversity.' Instead let warring, squabbling communities diverge and the vastness of space may allow us to somewhat avoid those we have so much trouble getting along with. On a related note, I disagree with the statement, 'there's just one race, the human race.' I agree there's one species but just as a Pitbull isn't a Lab, isn't a Poodle, IMO there are measureable if not profound differences between human populations aka races in my book.**

**You are great people but you aren't my people and when we mix, I think we lose. I would simply like to have the right to peacefully diverge instead of being engineered into a merger... what's wrong with that?**

**Plain and simple I'm not for the Africanization of America or the Americanization of Africa unless the Africans want that. Since it seems that Africanization is in vogue and the American people in general want sleek bronze bodies, it's not surprising that the phrase America the beautiful may change to Black is Beautiful. I'm also not for the Hispanicization, Asianization, Islamization or any other 'ization' of the United States. Let people be who they want to be, but if my countrymen want these things there's nothing I can do except protest and ask why adopt failed systems to replace one that's pretty darn good and just need a little tweaking?**

**Are we all brothers? Maybe, but surely we're all cousins... some closer and some more 'removed.'**

**I believe all people are fully human but not all the same...some differences are measurable and in some cases significant. Meanwhile we share 50% of our DNA with bananas and 99%? with chimps.**

**Diversity is very fine but when people instruct you on what that diversity must be, they're controlling you, prescribing the future of the species and disallowing you from having a say. They call it nature taking its course but they intend to dictate nature's course.**

**I don't get it... I don't want people who I relate to, to be overwhelmed and replaced. .. what's crazy about that?**

**They have declared war on us and you have picked their side...**

**America has always been a simultaneously Afro-phobic and Afro-filic country. The abolitionists were for equality, the founding fathers were all over the map, espousing all men being created equal, holding slaves and fathering mixed race children. The north and south spilled millions of gallons of blood over the status of African Americans, while**

institutional racism existed in the north and slave states sought to extend their reach westward. Today, Obama, Cain and Carson get huge numbers of votes from whites, black athletes and entertainers lead the way and blacks vote democratic by a large margin, while whites split their votes almost down the middle.

They're all yours, or you're all there's... whatever. I don't want to be forcibly subjected to their vulgarity and toxicity... we have enough of that with our own people and don't need to import it on steroids. There's great music, athleticism and intellect but there's also plenty of that in every other population. I'm called a racist but I don't consider myself or my people superior... just endangered... riddle me that.

I'm happy to live among people who respect other's; property, life and families and have learned from experience that certain populations tend to do that better than others. You tell me I can't be discriminating or profile, which is another way of telling me I have no right to learn from experience... unless you say I can.

Will those who say we owe them reparations because we're American's pursue me across the cosmos because they think I'll always 'owe them?' Batten down the hatches my friends!

In addition to free rent, another form of reparations is parking in handicapped I see people that look like to take a challenge Usain Bolt in the hundred meters parked in handicapped spots... hmmm.

Unfortunately '...' would be the end of the line for our line... am I the only one who cares?

*If* God wants humans to turn into a brown race that's fine and it will happen, but if it's humans pushing the movement to eliminate a diverse mix of races then I hope those people fail, because in addition to loving everyone, I think variety aka true diversity is the spice of life and a diverse genome is a tonic for disease.

Could a lot of fast twitch muscle make people more impulsive and partially account for high crime statistics... of course not. A fast twitch and violence connection; may not exist at all, may not be a direct relationship or it might exist. If it does is it inconsequential or the real deal...guess what, we're not supposed to think about it.

I agree that people of all races and sexes are equal but not that they're all the same...

Are these differences cultural or chemical? Oh, yeah I'm supposed to say there are no significant difs.

I definitely think you're a good man and you might be the best man I know and though I'd be happy to live beside you, I don't want to live amongst your people...if you hate me for that I understand.



Don't believe in a master race but do believe in differences in the bell curves among different races. Some excel more at math than sports, other's might excel at something else but all produce individuals, probably many of them that are capable of greatness in any areas of human endeavor.

Africanization *is what it is* and many if not most Americans seem to want it, so it may very well happen. Africanized America will be a brave new world of strong dark people and I wish them well. Meanwhile down at the dock passengers are boarding the Mayflower II and the Godspeed, heading to faraway places like New Plymouth and Youkerville...it may have to happen in steps because the pilgrims aren't crossing a 3,000 mile ocean, they're crossing the universe.

I'm not for further Anglicanization, Africanization, Latinization or any other 'izations' of the good old USA, just let nature take its course without PTB interference.

I respect them and wish them the best but...don't want to advance their replacement of other races... can I say that? Can you wish someone well but not wish them to succeed in their goals, if those goals are counter to yours? Why not? And what's wrong with that? I'm told it's wrong... you have to embrace the majority's agenda...no matter who that consensus has been engineered. I think it depends on who's ox you're not letting gore you...

I no more accept the majority's right to rule me than I accept a man with a gun's right to rule me...

I'm for diversification but not for the Africanization, Muslimization or any other 'ization' of the U.S.A., I'm also not for the Americanization of the rest of the world, that too is counter to diversity.

I'm not in favor of further empowering any 'ists' or 'isms' be they; good old boys, feminists, Afrocentrists, white supremacists or anyone else, nor am I opposed to them peacefully practicing their beliefs... if they can. Let them serve as 'checks and balances' on each other and when possible hopefully combine their resources and cooperate for the common good of their causes and society in general. What I oppose is particular are *unchecked* 'interest groups' becoming so powerful as to damage or control society in general.

Highly diverse societies have great potential but so do homogeneous society which have other forms a checks and balances and enough diversity for their own liking. They should be allowed to run their society how they want as long as they are not attempting to subvert the broader diverse existing society, which means the homogeneous one might have to look for a new home...There are numerous relatively homogeneous societies around the world, Japan being an example.

A recent study of the prevalence of various Y chromosome variants claims to have uncovered the genetic legacy of Genghis Khan. The Y chromosome, unlike all the rest, has only one copy. It pairs up with the X chromosome in males, and is absent in females who have 2 X chromosomes.

This means that the Y chromosome is passed unchanged from generation to generation of males barring any new mutations.

A study was being done of the prevalence of various Y variants and they found that in Asia approximately 16 million men share a certain Y chromosome. By studying the pattern of the spread of this Y chromosome they were able to determine that it could only be Genghis Khan who gave rise to it.

The average man from the era of Genghis Khan would expect to have about 800 decedents. Instead, Genghis Khan has 16 million! Why?...

<http://www.sciforums.com/threads/the-16-million-children-of-genghis-khan.106843/>

In other words, Genghis Khan may have raped thousands of women leading to X% of people today being related to him. Similar rapist despots no doubt existed in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

Fewer than 300 (approximately 280)[2] Korean family names are currently in use, and the three most common (Kim, Lee, and Park) account for nearly half of the population.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean\\_name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korean_name)

However, despite the huge proliferation of Kims and Lees in Korea, people carrying this surname are not necessarily related genetically, since they are divided by hundreds of bon-gwan (regional clans) – <http://www.ibtimes.com/kim-park-lee-why-do-koreans-have-so-few-surnames-1472324>

Rape as an instrument of terror and ethnic re-alignment/cleansing happened frequently throughout history and is happening in the middle east and Africa at an alarming rate today. My ‘understanding’ of the Bible indicates that the Hebrews may have instead mostly genocide to change facts on the ground but I'm no expert. The whole sick phenom reminds me a little of what happens when a pride of lions is taken over by new ‘pride males.’ The new males kill the existing cubs since they’re not theirs, which brings the females back in the season and willing to mate again. What happens with the human race is even more atrocious and obviously based on conscious criminality more than instinct. Does that mean we should turn society over to the control of women? I don't think so but it does mean we should fight this horrible crime against women.

Is it wrong to assume that many millions of people are descendants of despotic rapists like Genghis Khan and others and might they have inherited some of their sick ancestor’s traits? Does the propensity of human rights violations in certain parts of the world have anything to do with the above... of course not you say.

## **Dogs (Mans Beast Friend!)**

People are always trying to get my dog in a fight that I don't want him in...

Not a pit or a poodle, so don't treat me that way...treat me like a lab, I'll be loyal and never run away...

When a dog wags its tail, it's having a positive experience... what else do we need to know?

“...on a fine Arab charger”... Rolling Stones

## **Dreams and Sleep**

I heard someone say that dream that seems to last a long time can actually take place in your head in two seconds. Does that have anything to do with relativity, other Einstein theories or modern physics?

Woke up at 3:30 and couldn't go back to sleep. It's always something... usually in the form of, 'what's next.'

It's too late to go to bed early ☺

## **Dreamland**

“We all end in the ocean, We all start in the streams, We're all carried along By the river of dreams”... Billy Joel

This morning thought I saw a mouse run under the bed but it's probably just a floater. I see more and more of them in more shapes than before. At least I'm not talking crazy...

My goals still to be in a rock 'n' roll band and I would be singing this morning but I think I'll wait till the trip home as I start the 5 Hour Dr. to Novi outside of Detroit I've got to save my voice eight appointments in two days hopefully I'll have something about when I get head home.

“I wish I was a messenger and all the news was good, I wish I was the full moon shining...”  
– Pearl Jam

## **Driving, miss Daisy**

**“Their children woke up and they couldn't find them they left before the sun came up that day. They just drove off and left it all behind 'em... and when the car broke down they started walking but where were they going without ever knowing the way?”... Fastball**

**In driving as in life, I'm as guilty as those I criticize, at the moment, it's the guy driving at different speeds. If he doesn't have cruise I guess it's OK, otherwise it's back-and-forth I can't get around and I can't stay behind!**

Driving; safe following distance, slower speed etc. ...deaths were up 7% in 2015 probably due largely to texting.

Driving to Detroit through the long I-275 detour has resulted in an equal number of cusses and thank you Lords... I hope to improve my average.

**Being Tuesday morning it's no surprise the radio's full of lame music and boring talk.**

Funny how driving involves a bunch of people irritating each other...

**After the second Edinburg exit the driving went further downhill... everyone's a dingleberry, or dillweed. They pass, pull in front of and then the herd mentality sets in. It's pressure, pressure, pressure... everyone pestering each other... is it a convoy or a herd of sheep? Another thing about driving is that drivers give each other no credit for anything!**

**Saturday morning and despite 10 presets there's nothing good on the radio. I'd be better off listening to the windshield wipers except for broken one clicking. It's my fault since I had weeks to get it fixed!**

**I'm headed to Detroit and the races is on! The road warriors are tailgating slow pokes like me who only make the trip occasionally. They have to be 'somewhere on time' and I've got a 5 hour drive ahead of me, we're all fortified with coffee and listening to the radio or talking on the phone...somebody will have a heart attack today!**

**Sometimes when driving I like to keep the radio down and turn it up when I hear something good, instead of keeping it loud and turning it down for all the junk they play.**

**Interesting how 'stay to the right' seems to work in store isles as well as on roadways... in some companies it's the opposite.**

Driving to Cincinnati I'm behind a debris spitting 'Rumpke' garbage truck... I can feel it hitting the car... 'Rumpke', now that's a good name for a garbage company.

How screwed up are our highway departments, when we have to spend so much time in construction zones during peak hours? Is it really that difficult for them to figure out a better way to do it? Maybe labor costs are too high and it's too dangerous for workers at night... I don't know but if people can make the trains run on time, maybe there're some people who can do a better job of keeping traffic moving... not me I'm not that smart.

The next thing I have to do is pour another cup of coffee from my leaky thermos as I go over the bumpy road and not spill it on my suit... construction's always going on and I'm actually looking for to autonomous cars! I close the Ziploc full of Cheerios before pouring coffee from the thermos into my rattling cup... thanks Jack for showing how to steer with your knees, although the purpose at that time was quite different and it's no safer today, than 40 years ago. Today I spilled a few drops of coffee on my pants but it could've been a crash.

The inevitable asshole tailgater comes upon me and having driven for several hours I pull over for him...I'd rather him be in my sites then me in his.

You're almost assured of hitting a bump while pouring coffee from thermos to cup while driving but it's not a big deal, just count on it happening and I won't be so bad... Murphy's law and all that.

Driving behind old people's tough...I respect them and I don't want to tailgate but it's kind of like being in a 'sleeper hold'☺

The van that almost rear-end me already has a crunched bumper... I'm changing lanes.

Looking at the car approaching quickly from behind, I notice an aggressive looking grill and headlights. Do they designed them to look scary so we'll get out of the way of these self-proclaimed 'alphas.'

As I cuss the other driver I remember doing the same thing yesterday...

I heard a state trooper say that going more than 9 miles over the speed limit puts you in their sights... don't know if that's true but I've been doing it. Will there be a similar rule of thumb when we travel the speed of light?

Surprisingly there're lots of good drivers out there...it's a bell curve like anything else, unfortunately at the moment I'm not dealing with a good I'm dealing with the dill weed, which is probably what he thinks I am.

Watch and stay out of blind spots, yours and theirs, know that they'll crop up at the most inopportune times and if a sign says "dangerous intersection" know that it's there for a reason.

It's weird, my peripheral vision's missed three black cars in this morning all of which could've been a crash, I've even had my coffee.... it's time to see an eye doctor.

At four-way's as in baseball, tie goes to the runner.

One of the bad things about driving is when you meet up with someone whose cruise control is on same speed as yours. You're neck and neck, nobody can get away from the other and we end up in a blind spot dead heat, or just look at each other.

Sometimes it's nice to audibly thank a driver who's done something nice. This one used their turn signal in advance so I had a chance to make my getaway before oncoming traffic prevented it.

"Life's like a road that you travel on

When there's one day here and the next day gone

Sometimes you bend, sometimes you stand

Sometimes you turn your back to the wind"... Rascal Flatts

"Don't tell anyone I told you, but if you start acting like you're going to throw up in the backseat of a cop car they'll let you go every time"... Captain Wiggins

## **Drugs, Alcohol and Addiction**

"You take your pension, loneliness and alcohol"... Billy Squire

Actually Bill, we often *kind of* get rooked into that... don't we?

I'm trying to quit sugar and TV, especially the evening news, because together they're making me a couch potato... I've already begun 'withdrawing' but tonight we're eating Mexican so I may have a margarita cause it's a 'special occasion' ☺

Herb? God probably made it but you're probably exaggerating its benefits. It's not good to be addicted to anything (God probably also made tobacco.) Weed may teach you a thing or two, but its wisdom is nether perfect or boundless.

Many preachers rail against alcohol and maybe they should but Jesus knew the Old Testaments warnings about drunkenness and reportedly knew the future, allowing him to foresee the dangers of drinking and driving etc. so why do they rail? Drunkenness is bad but responsible drinking which quite a few people are capable of should not be prohibited, which it might be if they had their way... railing against it is okay and making driving safer is essential... the car companies should be working on that instead of on 'muscle' cars, which maybe mostly sought by the same boneheads who live in drunken stupors.

Addicts like to say ex-addicts are the worst hypocrites, which can be true or false... an ex can also be an addict's best friend and point to the path to wellness... broad generalizations just don't work.

There's an elephant in the room for most of us and we prefer to pretend it isn't there.

Dropping the bottle on the passenger side I realize that it was my last good swig...

Smoking pot may not be a big mistake but smoking your whole adult life probably is... I 'underutilized' at least 10 years how about you?

"What do we do with a drunken sailor, What do we do with a drunken sailor early in the morning... whey, hey up she rises, whey, hey up she rises, whey, hey up she rises early in the morning"...unknown

"Johnny died one day, died in his bed, bottle of whiskey, sleeping tablets by his head. Johnny's life passed him by like a warm summer day, if you listen to the wind you can still hear him play"...Bad Company

"I go to parties sometimes until four it's hard to leave when you can't find the door"... Joe Walsh

"Light in your head and dead on your feet"... Genesis Phil Collins

## **Economics**

Does your country have an economy or a d-economy and if it's a d-economy, do you expect other countries to prop it up?

## **Education**

**“Hey teacher leave those kids alone”... Pink Floyd**

**Really? I don't think we want teachers to leave the kids alone, we just don't want them screwing with them...community standards should be the measuring stick. Meanwhile back at the wall, some people want us to be just *a brick in the wall* and if you try doing something else they call you every name in the book and if that doesn't work try their best to ruin you.**

**One person's interested in information not degrees and formal education, another's interested in formal education but not in the truth.**

**There is hope for everyone no matter how old and damaged we are and even more hope for those who're young and less damaged by their *educations*.**

Education reportedly cost's \$20,000 per student in DC so in addition to illegal immigrants taxing the system, 'under privileged' student do the same thing and their results are the worst of all... of course the tests are geared towards 'whites.' Then why do Asians excel at them... just wondering ☺

**“Should I try to be a straight ‘A’ student, if you are then you think too much”... Billy Joel**

**“And all that truancy I don't mind as we seek so shall we find”...Blues Traveler**

## **Ego**

**“I hear you went up to Saratoga and your horse naturally won, then you flew your Lear jet up to Nova Scotia to see the total eclipse of the sun, well you're where you should be all the time”...Carly Simon**

**“I just dropped in to see what condition my condition was in”... Kenny Rogers**

## **End of Days**

**'If you're in a poker game and don't know who the sucker is, it's probably you'... Thomas Friedman**

**“The good old days may not return the rocks may melt and the sky may burn... I'm learning to fly but I ain't got wings... what goes up must come down”... Petty and the Heartbreakers**

**“I've started out for God knows where, I guess I'll know when I get there”... Tom Petty**



Even if three quarters of the earth's population is killed, as long as the good guys win it will be worth it for the religionists who vote for and happen to survive the Mega-death.

Is there a connection between the Book of Revelation and the Essenes War Scroll, which reportedly came first? Were the Scroll's, the Sons of Light and Sons of Darkness much different from Soros and Adelson for example? Representing the liberal and conservative branches of their movement and angrily calling the other's kettle black... I don't know.

Hal's probably very sad that two thirds of the Jews *may* die in the end days and probably wouldn't support policies leading to that... *unless* such policies advance his interpretation of the Bible. Hal and company want to be on the right side of; history, truth and most importantly God and they'll do their best to make sure the prophecies come true. Their opinion may be that they will be doing their best to save as many Jews as possible. Meanwhile back at the temple I think the Jewish people know this and are trying to do what's best for themselves.

Clinton or trump for president? If the die is cast, the die is cast...

Arabs, Israeli, blacks, whites, Chinese, Russian, men, women, aliens, gods, false gods, God... it's a crazy world full of conflict, excitement and God knows what, so who knows what the future holds?!

I know people who swear up-and-down that prophecy's true and the end of the world will happen pretty much as Hal and the boys say it will. It does kind of look that way and they want to be on the right and winning team and seeing things in black-and-white makes doing what has to be done a little easier...maybe they have other reasons too.

Jewish intellectuals and activists play a strange game by criticizing some US actions in the Middle East while overtly or otherwise supporting US intervention in that region. The Jewish people may be in a predicament as IMO they seemingly play both sides of the argument. If they end up in the situation that Mr. Lindsey predicts, it may have something to do with dreams, visions or back of the envelope calculations from 2000 years ago.

So I spend Monday morning analyzing the analyzers instead of analyzing the Colts game unlike some people, watching the highlights is good enough for me. If anybody can prevent the apocalypse it's probably the Jewish people, but those ancient writing have inspired quite a potent force in the form of Americans and Europeans who embrace the ancient texts and demand their fulfillment. This force for God's justice had no ancient grudge to settle, like the Arabs, so they loved the Gospel with its message of love, disaster for unbelievers and final victory for the good guys.

"Superman where are you now  
When everything's gone wrong somehow  
The men of steel, the men of power

**Are losing control by the hour”... Genesis**

**“All you've got is this moment 21st century’s yesterday”...INXS**

**“Sun is cold and rain is hot”... CCR**

**Well I got up this morning and again**

**“I woke up this morning and I got myself a beer, the futures uncertain in the end is always near”... The Doors**

**“The time to hesitate is through no time to wallow in the mire”... The Doors**

**“Someone told me long ago there's a calm before the storm...it's been coming for some...I see rivers overflowing I hear the voice of rage and ruin, don't come out tonight... there's a bad moon on the rise”... CCR**

## **EVolution - Poohvolution**

**“I’m becoming more and more confident that there's life all over the universe, the question is, is there intelligent life?”... Laurence Krauss**

**Pardon me for asking but are we naked, talking apes and are we more like killer chimps, peaceful bonobos or a lot like both?**

**I wonder if we're evolving more slowly than we used to? For the last 5,000 years we’ve probably modified the world more than its modified us.**

**I'd be more inclined to believe in creationism if evolution hadn't had billions of years to ‘work’ and if humans hadn't advanced somewhat gradually from the; stone, bronze, iron and currently space age. This isn’t to say I disbelieve in a God that has ‘something to do with it’... I just don’t believe in the fundamentalist 10,000 year old earth version of history.**

**Can non-life begat life? Maybe. Especially if you have not ‘just’ billions of years but no time limit at all, which is what the Infiniverse offers. Chemically rich rocks, chemically rich water mixing might initiate a self-sustaining chemical reaction, as might bacteria mixing with other simple forms of life. Not to mention that wormholes might allow 'viable' life starting material to enter new universes from old ones and asteroids and comets could**

land them on earth. Scientists say they've found living matter encased for 10,000 years in ice crystals and microorganisms frozen on Antarctica that come 'back to life' with a drop of water. Cool! Or God may be sitting on high declaring by his word that these things happen...

So maybe life can be spontaneous when 'rich' rocks mix with 'rich water?' Or can 'life' have come from asteroid, or through a wormhole? Has life always been present in the infiniverse, or did the Man with the white beard make it? Either way, it's beyond the comprehension of most of us.

## **Environment**

I wonder how many autoimmune conditions like Sarcoidosis, Celiac and Fibromyalgia are due to that slogan from the 60s 'better living through chemistry.' You can add to the list of victims honeybees and bumblebees....chemicals are all around us, as is pollution.

## **Experience**

## **Faith**

They say everything happens for a reason but is it like a tree falling in the forest? Does someone have to be there for an event to have meaning?

## **Family Matters!**

"He loved me but he couldn't stand me. ... Inside, however, beyond his rage, he harbored a gentleness, timidity, shyness and a dreamy insecurity"... Bruce Springsteen

"But it pleases me to help thee son"... Friendly Persuasion

There are strangers friends and loved ones who don't have it together but want others to take care of them. We're instructed to do so but I wonder how far we should go? We're pretty much told it's not our call whether or not to decide if they're playing us, that's God's department and I agree. That being said, I'd rather 'train them', than have them 'train me.' If I give rides, money or whatever till the cows come home, then I'll never make it home myself. Unless someone has no hands or feet, I think we need to encourage, enable and ultimately compel people to do things for themselves. Compelled doesn't mean beaten, it means no work, no food... people decide their own fate. I realize that God not us

is the judge but if there's no vetting process, the chaff can smother the wheat and the truly needy are pushed aside by the strong, as we see all over the world when food is distributed by aid workers from trucks etc.

Some will call that miserly and some might say I risk going to hell or invoking bad karma if I don't give as generously as they want me to and to the charities they like but I'd prefer to determine the extent of my generosity instead of having others determine it for me. They also warned me that I should go more than a few extra miles for others, because among other reasons, someday I'll need similar help and I don't disagree...however I think the choice is still mine and their choice is still theirs. IMO my opinion it's not worth living life the way others tell you to...do what you want and think is right and let me do the same.

We call some people pills and others pillars of society but the pillar can be a puller of wool over our eyes. This isn't so much a criticism of anyone as its acknowledge that we're all human.

Fatherhood? It's like this...I tried :)

I came... she saw, she conquered.

She's not perfect, I'm not perfect, you're not perfect... we all know that so let's start acting like we know it.

A man should try not to judge his father or sons... and hope they return the favor.

There are two people in my life who rarely if ever twist my arm. It doesn't mean everything's hunky-dory but I appreciate their effort.

What do I want? I want what men have always wanted and not ashamed, apologetic or *planning* to change because of some new paradigm.

We can fight over our little pie or work to make it larger.

The people in your life are probably a pain in the neck, if not they're doing you no good... if they pain too much, they're doing you wrong.

I don't expect to ever completely satisfy my family or anybody else... after all I don't want any of us to violate our contracts☺

There'd be something wrong if inheritance laws force you to *hope you outlive* your spouse so that your life's work doesn't go to their pet project... which just might be your pet peeve.

**Don't allow yourself to be pigeon-holed by IFNP or anything else, spread your wings and fly like an eagle!**

**Friends usually don't take a guy seriously nor does his family...after all they've seen you pick your nose or crap your pants...but I know people who pull it off**

**Far as I can tell the only ones that don't blame us for anything wrong in their lives are our parents... guess I'm no different and so it goes.**

**Throughout history there's been an expectation almost a contract between generations that the next generation will make babies and keep the line going. Maybe that's going to far but I don't think there's anything wrong with wanting grandchildren. If my kids don't want to have any that's okay...it's up to them.**

**I want to do you right but my ideas and yours are often different but I think we agree neither of us wants charity for or from the other...**

**There are few things I've enjoyed in life as much as coming home from NY to my Dad's apartment and sitting down at his table for a beer. He kept a couple of mugs in the freezer and I would pour us each a Bud. He rarely finished his, I always did. He would ask me about my day, what companies I'd seen, how'd it go, had anyone asked me for a quote? Sometimes I didn't tell him everything as I considered it personal but I tried to be forthcoming because he was always interested and since he could no longer make the trip hearing about my day seemed to brightened his...**

**Yes, women should receive child support from their children's fathers, who in turn should have a say in how it's spent 'commensurate' with their contribution. If the two can't agree then a coin toss, taking turns deciding, or some such method should be employed so neither 'contributing' parent becomes a poodle or a pit.**

**I would like to have grandkids and think a 100 generations of our ancestors would too but hear it's unimportant, overrated, or selfish to ask your kids to have kids. I beg to differ but realized I must accept their decisions...so far I'm not asking, just hoping.**

**Honor your father and mother, value their counsel but don't be ruled by them.**

**A couple of relatives have insulted me for years so instead of considering them loved ones, I consider them *tolerated ones*. One of them thinks it's funny and just 'what guys do'... I'm not sure what's wrong with the other one. I may be guilty of the same behavior and hope I can overcome it the next time the urge to insult or put someone down comes over me.**

**Several people I should love frequently insult me, so instead of loved ones, they're 'tolerated ones.' They might think it's funny and I've even heard it explained as 'what guys do when they get together.' There's some truth to that and I'm probably guilty of the**

same behavior, so the next time I get the urge to insult someone I hope to refrain...caveat... some of these folks are pretty funny.

Giving everything to the kids is a dicey subject that we don't seem to agree on. The real boogie man is likely to be Medicaid and the IRS, so our strategy should be to legally shelter assets. I'd love to leave \$1 million each a kid but no more than that (even if I could) and maybe leave it in the form of a family foundation. They wouldn't be able to spend it all at once to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams but a bank might lend them money based on it.

"And these children that you spit on it they go about their world are immune to your consultations, they're quite aware what they're going through"... David Bowie (hmmm)

"Sometimes you want so badly to have what you didn't have but when you get it you find out it's not what you were hoping it would be"... Patrick Gomez

### Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

"That old tramp left me with nothing but a suitcase with his uniform from the Spanish-American war. His heart gave out and he died run'in for a box car... he died laughing. I buried him myself in a meadow next to the tracks... Maybe he died laughing because you were with him. I loved him. I got the courage to die, do you have the courage to live? ...Brick and Big Daddy

"Can't you understand I never wanted any of this stuff, I just wanted a father not a boss, I wanted you to love me"... Brick

"We've known each other all our lives but you don't even know me"... Brick

"There's one thing you can't buy in a European fire sale or any other market on earth, your life"...Big Daddy (Cat on a Hot Tin Roof)

"The human animal buys and buys and buys because it hopes that one thing it'll buy might be everlasting life"...Big Daddy

"The truth is dreams don't come true and they don't print your name in the paper until you die"... Big Daddy

"Mendacity is the system we live in"... Brick

"He wasn't doomed to what he thought he was doomed to"... Big Mama

"Truth, truth? Well the truth is as dirty as lies"...Elizabeth Taylor

"Doc, Doc don't we need a needle to make the pain disappear? Sometimes I wish I had a pill to make people disappear"...Cooper and Doc

**"What'd you come here for? I came here to apologize. What, for telling me the truth? I hate**

**apologies especially when it's for telling the truth"... Brick and Big Daddy**

**"A family crisis brings out the best and the worst in everybody. That's the truth. Amen"...  
Brick, Cooper & Maggie**

## **Fear**

**"Don't believe in fear**

**Don't believe in pain**

**Don't believe in anyone**

**That you can't tame"... Garbage**

**I've been warned & been punished for it but never rewarded, despite teachers telling me  
that's what our country's all about.**

**"With no provisions but an open face I cross straights of fear"... Led Zep (modified)**

## **Fecal Matters (Too)☺**

**Walked in our bathroom, I realized I could learn to smell the difference between male and  
female sweat, pee and poop but not from a mile away like some animals☺**

**Take care of your sphincters in your sphincters will take care of you ☺**

**When someone flips a booger and you hear it land tis a big un!**

**Excuse me, do you have any wire nuts? No just regular☺**

**Whether you're cleaning pee off your leg or dealing with someone who's trying to 'shoot  
you down'...prioritize and don't engage unless you have to??**

**Fecal matter is it wrong to blow your nose before your wipe your butt? Well you certainly  
don't want to do it the other way.**

## **Feelings**

Rude, insulting comments... I'm tired but used to them.

Professor Schwartz says every cell has some capacity for memory and if you transplant a heart, you sometimes pass characteristics of the donor's personality to the recipient...so is it a stretch to say we can feel things in our bones?

## **Foibles**

The people who I think talk too much and listen to little think the same of me...maybe we're both right. To those who talk too much I sometimes feel like saying shut up... not in a bad way, but shut up and let someone else talk! ☺

Like clay we're formable, like glass we're breakable.

"When you're a hammer everything looks like a nail"... does that mean that when you're a nail everything looks like a hammer?

## **Food and Drink**

"Lately I've been buying the generic brand of wax beans... tear off the label and I can hardly tell the difference" -Newman

To quit refined sugar I need to realize that it's a; delicious, addictive, mildly poison substance, devoid of nutritional value and almost never useful to consume, especially if you have a family history of diabetes...

To a significant degree there are no flavors other than; salt, sweet, sour, bitter and maybe MSG? Everything else is more or less a substrate for these, some substrates are better than others, but you need to add the flavors or your meal is likely to be bland. It's kind of like a beautiful face is to some extent a pallet and the skillful application of makeup makes it a lot more beautiful.

I'm not trying to waste food nor trying to finish everything in the refrigerator before it goes bad. That's not my job and when we were told to 'clean our plates' because there were starving children in the world, it did nothing to help them... it just made us fat.



## **Founding Fathers**

The founding fathers could handle criticism... I don't recall any of them saying if you disagree with me you're going to hell. Some people say that's because they weren't God and I reply that's right they never claimed to be.

There is some subjects for which I am so far off of the mainstream and so politically incorrect that I should not even allude to them I'm more in line with the founders of this republic than it's current usurpers... there I go again.

I would take some of the 'good old boys' over most of the emerging power blocks, especially those who largely agree with the founding fathers. I wouldn't sign up with those who're into world policing and manifest destiny. The founding fathers were no angels having erred terribly regarding slavery and the American Indians but they were born into that world and at least some of the main ones wrestled with those issues. IMO they're no worse than Truman and his contemporaries who firebombed and nuked 100's of thousands of German and Japanese civilians.

## **Forgiveness**

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!"... Matthew 18:21-22.

The preacher said don't take that literally because it really means don't count the number of times you should forgive... but what about his usual advice that we should take the Bible literally? Getting back to Matthew's verse about forgiving 70 times or  $70 \times 7$  or an unlimited number of times, that's fine and good but are we to do that for every 'sin.' Should a murderer but forgiven hundreds of times?

The preacher then spoke of Matthew 18:34-35, a parable, "In his anger, his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should repay all that he owed. That is how My Heavenly Father will treat each of you, unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matthew 18:21-22 reminds me of the usual incredible promises used to entice memberships and Matthew 18:34-35, reminds me of the usual threats used to seal the deal. For what it's worth I have a little trouble believing that either one is valid...but I'm trying to keep my mouth relatively shut. "Feed my eyes now you've sewn them shut"... Alice in Chains. Maybe we should forgive each other an unlimited number of times but still be held accountable for our misdeeds.

Because the Jews reportedly believe in forgiving somebody three times and Peter a come to Jesus with the advantage of an eye for what about if I forgive seven times was Jesus just

trying to trump him? Was Jesus a man or was he god that is the basic question the very basic question CS

The circles I run in "" I am not allowed to ask that question if I do I am a heretic and positively turned over to the tortures

I hope that at some point in the future people can actually study that question somewhat rationally without automatically been condemned by the

My eyes now you sound them shut Alice in chains

You can forgive me for the mistakes I've made or you can hold them against me... the choice is yours and same goes for me. I hope to forgive those who I rightly or wrongly have a grudge against but not sure I can forget without a lobotomy...that's okay though, learning from experience isn't such a bad thing.

“With malice toward none”...Abraham Lincoln

## **Freedom and Free Speech**

“Free speech is protected, hate speech isn't”... Protesters at Trump rally... So who gets to defines hate speech?

If it's arrogant to speak your mind, then sometimes I am...

In a fair society there should be neither protected or unprotected classes of people, everyone should be equal, no one should have special rights or limited rights.

There are people who will fight for your rights and people who'll fight to take your rights... don't aid and abet the latter. We may be doing it already and due to the wool over our eyes either not know it, or due to other reasons not care.

Are you a protector of First Amendment rights or are you a protector of a status quo? If you're going to threaten people for saying something inappropriate, will you define that for us?

I'm all for you being free but not at the expense of subjugating 'we'

If you've been given the training and developed the skills, will you protect or bully? Will you protect certain people and rights, or protect the same rights for everyone? If you place personal beliefs above the Constitution you're no longer protect it. You have the right to defend your personal beliefs above those of the Republic but when you do, you're no longer on the side of the people, you're only on the side of your people. If we're arriving at that point, it may be time to separate into communities with constitutions that the people of those communities want. Our country is so large that it might split at least in half or may crumble into many pieces. Space is the place where we may find the space necessary to avoid those we fundamentally disagree with and God willing meet on neutral ground to trade and conduct business if both so desire, while living in communities of somewhat like-minded individuals.

If you and I have different world views we should be able to express them but not impose him on each other, even if that's done through the democratic process. You might understand my view and I understand yours, but we shouldn't have to buy into each other's and we shouldn't be forced to embrace or finance it. Life liberty and pursuit of happiness is what's in the constitution, since we have strayed from that, the only way for free minded people to live a semi-sovereign life may be to split off and that will most likely come in the future... it seems impossible now.

It can be hard to be vocal when you truly are 'an army of one' and I don't mean the kind in the commercial. Talking bout when you're invited to state your opinion, then criticized by everyone in the room for not sharing theirs. You're called devil's advocate, traitor, idiot or worse. So why be surprised if he keeps his mouth shut? Officially where told it's honorable to state your opinion no matter what it is but in practice you rarely change minds, instead you anger the group and some make it their mission to undermine and punish you. Not saying outliers should remain mute but they should be aware of the consequences, weigh the benefits and choose their venues accordingly.

Are these statements compatible? 'Live free or die' and 'live and let live.'

They are braver and stronger than me and I appreciate them protecting my right to free-speech, unless I have to say what they want to hear, in which case why bother?

You should have the right to tell people they're going to hell for not believing like you but not to hasten their departure. The same goes for those who say, 'a rat is a pig is a dog is a boy.' They should have the right to say it but society's a bastard if it lets people kill humans be they fetal or born.

## **Freedom of Association**

Everyone should be able to; marry, vote, deal, worship, live or associate with any man or woman, of any race, color or creed they want to... and everyone should also have the freedom not to be 'compelled' to do any of these things...

How do I decide who I want to associate with? I have a basket of criteria just like the World Bank has a basket of currencies... this includes things I can mention, like what comes out of their mouth and things I can't mention in front of the PC police. I think those who dislike me use a similar system but may not admit it.

Regarding having the right as much as possible to choose the people you associate with, will you 'conclude' that I'm racist? Most everyone wants that right, they just don't want you to have it if it means you don't have to associate with who they say you should. It works both ways and they must have the same right to dissociate themselves from me if they find me repulsive.

I don't want to associate with people who constantly reference that others are hell bound, or with people who call me racist cause I don't believe in reparations. Nor should they have to associate with me. If you say these points are moot I beg to differ and think the PC police are getting more involved all the time.

When I say the right to associate with 'people like you' it's doesn't mean people who necessarily look or act like you it's people but they might. It means people who tend to relate to you better and probably think and act a little more like you than some others. The same should apply to everyone who wants the freedom to associate with people they're comfortable with and to not be coerced, manipulated or engineered into associating with people they're uncomfortable with or diametrically opposed to. This doesn't mean completely avoiding each other unless that's one's choice, it means greater freedom over such matters than the earthly princes want us to have. It also hopefully means you don't hate or feel superior to others, just that you want to have the right to associate with who you want and not be forced to associate with anyone.

I wouldn't want to be forced to associate with people who constantly tell me I'm going to hell, or to live next to people who call me a racist because I don't think I owe anyone reparations. Nor would I expect them to have to associate with me. Call me crazy but at least one of the above isn't a moot point and the other might not be for long...

IMO we accept that you don't like watching some movies and I don't watching others but when it comes to 'associations' we're criticized for wanting the same freedom of choice. The new paradigm says society should prescribe our associations... not having it.

## **Freedom of Thought**

**“The more I see the less I know the more I’d like to let it go”... Chili Peppers**

**What does ‘liberate you liberate us’ mean? Exactly what it says...we’re fine with your liberation as long as you’re okay with ours.**

**Some people want to rule, others want freedom and there's a world of difference tween the two. The two views are incompatible but present in every population and family.**

**Every once in a while I still think this is a free country and then I remember...**

**As far as *all those questions*... it's none of your business and God already knows.**

## **Freedom of and/or From Religion**

**“Everything can be taken from a man but one thing... to choose one’s attitude” — Viktor Frankl**

**Freedom of association is closely intertwined with freedom of religion. If you don't want to worship or closely associate with people who have *oppositional* beliefs and vice versa you and they shouldn't have to. If people agree they want to associate and worship together its fine but if one or both don't want to they should not be compelled to, or to support financially or otherwise somebody else's beliefs. This means Ucgr is and will always be small and probably illegal because, yes it allows people to be discriminating in their beliefs instead of minions.**

**Meanwhile back at the ranch, the churches that believe in complete inclusiveness versus freedom of association grow larger and more domineering by the day. That’s fine because their goal is to rule, be victorious, convert and *save souls* via dogmas that tell us how it is and how it will be...freedom and tolerance may be preached but it’s control and dominance that’s practiced.**

## **Friends, Romans, Countrymen (Lend me your...)**

**“I get by with a little help from my friends”... The Beatles.**

**Does that mean you don't need a savior? Just wondering... but one thing for sure, you can't always count on your friends.**

**If it can be messed up it will be, I'm thinking of someone in particular but it applies to all of us.**

**How can I know anything about friends when I have trouble even spelling it right ☺**

**Is he my best friend, my good friend or just my friend? To a considerable extent I'm finding that a friend's a friend and that's it...to expect more usually disappoints.**

**I don't consider my 'former' friend a man of particularly good character and he probably thinks the same of me. Does that make us even, one of us wrong ...or both of us right?**

**Unfortunately a lot of them are boneheads... unfortunately I am too ☺**

**The problem isn't that my friend misunderstood me, it's that he didn't...that's what really pissed him off...sorry, I didn't mean to upset you.**

**When I see friends relatives strangers struggling with everything under the sun, I realize that *but for the grace of God there go I...* so after saying amen and God help them, what do we do next?**

**The gloves are off on Facebook and friends are trading jabs and uppercuts vis-à-vis the death of an icon. I'm opting out even if indirectly I may have a dog in the fight. On the other hand it seems to be a core issue for at least one of you.**

**If I have any role in this it will be as an arbitrator. You and your buddy are passionate and maybe uncompromising on this subject. Your other friends should encourage both of you to show restraint until time allows for more measured conversation. We've all seen arguments go south resulting in broken friendships, it's usually a shame... especially when you've been friends for so many years.**

**If people don't like you they don't like you... you can kiss ass or wave goodbye. If you're not in line with their; politics, religion, sensitivities or whatever, there's not a heck of a lot you can do.**

**Cosmetic surgery? Who cares what they think... I do at least a little bit realize that people like you on their terms not on yours... so let them think what they want.**

**'Too much time on your hands' and worse is what they say but they love getting their hands on your money, telling you how it should be spent and quite confident they're doing 'God's work.'**

## **Gandhi**

### **Generation Gasp**

**“You are young and life is long and there is time to kill today”... Pink Floyd. Really?**

**“...there's a real square cat, he looks a 1974, Well, he looked at me once, he looked at me twice, look at me again and there's gonna be fight, We're gonna rock this town, We're gonna rip this place apart”...Stray Cats**

**Don't expect to rest on your laurels when you're 30, but if you work hard and smart, you may be able to when you're older.**

**“I was eighteen**

**Didn't have a care**

**Working for peanuts**

**Not a dime to spare**

**But I was lean and**

**Solid everywhere**

**Like a rock**

**My hands were steady**

**My eyes were clear and bright**

**My walk had purpose**

**My steps were quick and light**

**And I held firmly**

**To what I felt was right**

**Like a rock”... Bob Seger**

## **Genius and Stupidity**

Sometimes being stupid sucks and gets me in trouble, other times it seems I can get away with it... sometimes think I'm making a career of being a complete idiot, other times think it's just a bad day☺

There a thinkers, deep thinkers and non-thinkers... two out of three ain't bad ☺

To be as dumb as you think I am I'd have to screw up all the time... alas I only screw up most of the time.

I need to resist stupidity...like googling while going downhill, around a curve and putting on glasses.

We're discouraged from thinking we can match or surpass the work of Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Einstein. We're taught that we can do great things but not as great as the old masters... we're taught that we're lower on the evolutionary ladder than them. I don't think many of us are going to match or beat them but we should be encouraged to try...certainly they did.

There so many cultures, conditions and situations that it's impossible for anybody to know but a sliver of the world's knowledge. Some guys think they have women figured out but they only know the basics, just as someone who thinks he understands human nature can easily and unexpectedly be blindsided and thrown for a loop.

Although high IQ doesn't guarantee success, it's an indicator that the individual probably will need less help from society than people with low IQs... can I say that?

Is it a burden, responsibility, arrogance or something else to think you are chosen to manage earth's people? Are there conflicts of interest inherent in that belief?

Is it wisdom, folly or something else to think you must follow the instructions of those you've been told are chosen to lead mankind? I think it's wise to consider their advice but not to be cemented to it.

IMO Einstein was a genius, Isaac Newton... maybe. He noticed that what goes up must come down which is more of an observation than a discovery. Did he back that or anything else up with pages of mathematical equations? I believe that Einstein did.

I've said a lot of stupid things I can't take back... I thought even stupider things which only God heard...and maybe Google.



## **God and Religion**

**“Every hour I'm choosing my confession”... REM**

**Worship according to the dictates of your conscience but don't assume that you're right... and others are wrong.**

Be they presidents or common folk I have much greater respect for those who don't wear their religion on their sleeve, declare a 'team preference' and claim a patent on God. They do just as much good and less harm than those who crow and incite the people. This can be seen in every; religion, city, desert and mountain kingdom.

So who if anybody is the 'authorized' hammer of God? Is it any of those who claim to be? Beats me but they think you're a 'nail' lookout!

Always let God decide, but I'm not that means let the preacher decide...he might be going by his inner conscience, which is no better than yours.

The three great monotheistic religions... factional infighting from then till now. Started by one group which claimed to be chosen and which fought for power and survival then and now against historical ancient even prehistorical rivals the Arabs, later the fray was joined by non-middle-easterners, primarily Europeans... and the beat down goes on.

You say you're not judgmental which *may* be true but religions are and we usually go along for the ride.

The 'all seeing eye' may not be so all seeing after all... nor is it likely to be God's.

Self-centeredness, conflicts of interest, large brains and opposable thumbs, result in a more complicated society than some would like us to believe. Maybe they really do have all the answers wrapped up in a fairly simple yet all-encompassing theology... maybe. On the plus side people are also fairly generous even and we've lasted a few hundred thousand years... very long compared to the dinosaurs, but we're hanging in there☺

There will always be people who want a Goddess dominated society and others wanting a God dominated society. Unfortunately the two sides are sometimes willing to fight to the death over these theologies.

You say I'm not Christian I say maybe I am, you say the label's essential and incredibly important I say maybe it's not.

We will never know everything there is to know. In the incomprehensible 'vastness' of the infiniverse, there's infinitely too much for humans to comprehend. God comprehends and

makes those rules but our little human minds are way too little to even scratch the surface, but does mean the Bible contains all the knowledge and information we need? Maybe, maybe not.

Are women attracted to religion and vows because it elevates them and they need some kind of societal or institutional help in the form of laws or sanctions to keep their husbands under control. It may be that men possibly have a different biological reason d'être and are not programmed to accept monogamy as easily as women for which it is more useful due to their general need for 'resources' to raise their kids. I may end up in an argument with people over this and just say well 'it is what it is', which people who want to discuss, debate or argue the point will say I'm copping out. That's true to the extent that there's too much to cover in such a debate and it would be likely to end in disagreement and acrimony anyway. So in a nutshell my view is that there's always been a battle of the sexes and religion's a big part of it for most involved. We're all trying to gain or maintain control over our lives and our security and secondly too improve society according to our own worldview and we tend to become agitated if not belligerent if our view is challenged, because we perceive that challenge as a threat to all we hold dear, and what we've been taught is true.. but what in reality may only be what keeps us feeling them safe, secure and in control of our lives.

Although men stray more often, women aren't adverse to infidelity and in nature apparently it goes on regularly. although probably not to the extent it does with males of most species. In many human societies including the west, female infidelity has tended to lead to harsher punishments at least until recently. Punishment or not, it may bite women a little harder than men, and for practical reasons (largely economic) it may be more counterproductive, although IMO it hasn't been absent from some women's repertoire, which may explain why other women have been willing to preserve some of the punishments, since a home wrecking rival can be seen as an existential threat. With 'liberation', education and IMO women may be able to indulge their sexual appetites more than in the past, regardless of what flavor they like...that's something they know a lot more about than me...

I don't think my God is better than your God or that mine or yours is superior to everyone else's. I don't know 'for a fact' that there is a God but I believe in him, you may be entirely sure there is a God and that you're in his camp, others think there's no God at all, or many Gods. I try to respect people with any of those opinions, especially the peaceful ones. Unfortunately these opinions are usually backed up by militias, zealots or national armies intent on dominating the 'competition' and justifying the mayhem with somewhat strange arguments.

Again I have to ask, is God in us, outside, around, everywhere? Is he a man, or the essence that shows us things we need to be shown?

As I become more skeptical of organized religion (for various reasons) I still believe in God and I wonder if He believes in the; golden rule, karma, 'doing the right thing', grace not graves and forgiveness? I hope he believes in 'giving the shirt off your back' but not giving away the farm... I think the latter goes against the laws of nature which God created and maybe just maybe he's consistent.

That doesn't mean we shouldn't go the extra mile to help others in need but 'maybe' we shouldn't be forced to be charitable per someone else's prescription and maybe we should let 'natural law' take care of our violent human predators.

I believe in 'saved by grace' but not in being saved, empowered over others and 'excused' by it.

I'm not a Constantine Christian as in 'go forth and conquer in my name'... I'm not going to go forth and kill in his name' no matter what grandpa and grandma may have said.

Shrouds, arks, 'superiority', old or young earth, resurrection, ancient gods, messiahs, teams, nations and religions. I'm not sure what's true or *exactly* what matters but some things must matter. We should study, debate, pray, get involved and tolerate everyone who's peaceful and veto evil which usually comes in the form of murder, rape and thievery.

I think one of the major differences between Christianity and Islam is that as far as I know Christians are not allowed to kill people who won't convert, in Islam, I'm not sure but think they may be according to some interpretations. Despite this, I think as many people have been killed by Christians as by any other religion although a certain and *maybe* a large number of those deaths have been due to defensive "operations." It seems to me that our true nature rarely changes even when people claim to have been born again, unfortunately on some level we're still self-centered 'primitives', who almost at the drop of the hat and despite all the fancy talk will kill or order/vote for the troops to kill for us. Very few follow Jesus precisely and I've seen as many Christian bullies as Muslim bullies.

"Is Opra right, are you a big fat woman?"... Al Bundy

## **Golden Rule 0.1**

I can hate or love and I chose the latter... that doesn't mean I have to empower those who may be usurpers, 'etc.'

## **Good and Evil, US and Them...**

There're two kinds of people in this world... those who've 'been caught' and those who haven't.

Evil? Are 'those people' evil, or just very determined and with a different worldview?

Watching the report about two young women attacked by Pit Bulls and being saved from death by a woman who drove into the field to rescue them, makes me realize there are angels out there as well as irresponsible people whose actions or inactions cause harm to others.

If God prohibits suicide maybe its cause it cheats him of the drama he's planned and may be looking forward to? We're also cheating family and friends of our love and support and sentencing them to years of grief.

Dualism reflects the relationship between the sons of light and the sons of darkness... both sides believe they are the good guys but is either side right?

I believe in pure evil and pure good I just don't believe that humans on an individual, corporate or national basis are entirely capable of *just* one or the other... we're somewhere in between and so are our countries... albeit some more than others.

Guess I'm a borderline Christian because even after Easter Sunday sometimes I like the messages of Aesop and others better than the gospel. I don't think Aesop's had a huge following or media machine for thousands of years and he's managed to hang in there despite no scare tactics or revisionist history... just saying.

The line between the 'sons of light' and the 'sons of darkness' probably isn't static but some spend more time on the dark side than others.

## **Gossip**

## **Government**

"Individuals who promise you paradise will end up enslaving you"... Dr. Sebastian Gorka

"I don't believe in the government now the 'Br-exiter- said and I have to wonder, why would anyone ever believe in the government, except on rare occasions? It's basically a clique forwarding an agenda that they tricked you into believing in and voting for. The gov benefits, empowers and enriches the few, not the many.

Go ahead and relinquish control, turn it over to those who are demanding it. That's what our forefathers fought against and what you're submitting to I will not.

## **Granny Nanny State**

### **Greed**

### **Green Acres!**

"All I can say is that my life is pretty plain I like watchin' the puddles gather rain"... Blind Mellon

To my friends of the earth, who say forgive the bugs, relocate the squirrels I say, I'm over that...I've been giving varmints a break all my life and they've reciprocated by; biting, stinging, spraying and crapping all over us and invitinging their even nastier friends to live in our yard...I was expecting better from them.

Can't say I like that but do like watching grass grow... not all at once, just like checking on it periodically and seeing the new sprouts come up and eventually the lush green carpet!

After replanting the rose I learned that a thorn in the foot's a pain in the neck ☺

A thorn in the foot can also be a pain in the ass...

I don't know what I like less the bugs or the skunks...

Why is it that when I drag something it always runs over my heels? Ouch!

Thinking about clearing the trail yesterday, I need to remember, there's no hurry and that haste makes waste... especially when there's a chainsaw involved.

I see the 85-year-old neighbor still working his farm and admire him but don't want to end up bent over like him. I can't stop it but can I slow the *process* down. I hope so but I know I can accidentally speed it up by doing the wrong things... yesterday I did the wrong thing and my back called me a dummy all day long.

If you do things more efficiently you rush less, and less haste makes less waste... good luck!

Most of my accidents in the barn happen when taking a step backwards and not knowing what's behind me. That means it's more dangerous to walk backwards than forwards ☺

"Slowdown you're moving too fast got to make the moment last"... aka haste makes waste in so many ways!

## **Groupthink**

Humans aren't just social animals, we're herd animals. That can be seen any places we; line up, congregate, mingle or get together in groups. Herd behavior is the precursor of groupthink, which leaders take advantage of, making us putty in their hands. They know that lurking in the heart of every human are violent tendencies, some do it with their hands and some do it with ballots...usually for misguided personal reasons or via mass manipulation.

Instead of picking side how about making one? Instead of it being based on what other people claim is true, right and worth a fight, we could base it on what we're discovering may be more likely to be true and right than what the *groupthinks*.

## **Guilt**

“And endless red tape to keep the truth confined”... Muse

They say the *principle* ‘do no harm’ isn’t good enough and your *credo* must at least be ‘do good.’ I agree that's a great credo, except for when ‘doing good’ leads to sticking one's nose where doesn't belong to the detriment of everyone. Of course some have figured out what's truly good and are glad to tell you all about it, including what you should be doing and if you beg to differ you're a bad guy. Anyway ‘do good’ is a fantastic slogan but do no harm isn't too bad either. The problem arises when the do-gooders decide that it's a good idea to send tanks into someone's neighborhood... because they're good and the other guys aren't and won't listen to them.

## **Happiness**

“When everything feels all over

Everybody seems unkind

I'll pick you a four leaf clover

Take all worry out of your mind”...The Who

**Is everyone happy or is no one happy? More realistically, is everyone happy sometimes and no one happy all the time? Reminds me of the Abe Lincoln quote on “fooling some of the people some of the time...”**

**“Try to remember the good times, not the bad times”... Unknown**

**“We’ll take the trail marked on your father's map - so kiss me”... Sixpence None the Richer**

**“I hope you never lose that sense of wonder, I hope you never take a single breath for granted”... Mark Sanders and Tia Sillers**

**“I found a picture of you those were the happiest days of my life”...Chrissy Hines (Chain Gang)**

## **Homo habilis (aka "Handy-man")**

**It’s another do-it-yourself Saturday. What will I learn and will it be the hard way?  
... of course it will but sometimes a minor accident prevent a major one.**

**It's amazing how many types of saws there are! ☺**

**Stone tools dominated the human toolbox for a million years...steel's been here about 2000**

**This simple project’s turning out like so many others... a fiasco of my own making.**

**Funny how the wind waits till I’ve swept the paint chips into a neat pile before rearing up and blowing a gale.**

**Interesting how many times an accident’s preceded by a warning we ignore... reminds me a little of water and oxygen, two things we can't live without that also cause things to rust and decay.**

**Half the battle is gaining experience...swap that outlet switch with a new one, don’t keep trying to re-wire it... you’re wasting time.**

**I can see why the ancients and some cultures still believe that inanimate objects have souls... take tools for example, they can be your best friend or really mess with you.**

**So what if I repaired my umbrella with wooden kebab skewers☺ Funny thing, it reminds me of a bat with broken wings. It can still fly or shed water... just not very well.**

## **Haters, Sickos and Sociopaths**

**You call me a hater because I don't want you to; interpret the Constitution for hetro's, legally seduce teenagers and indoctrinate children so they'll 'learn' that your way is better than the 'more normal, natural way.' I don't hate you for your life style which for a significant number of young? gay men reportedly means dozens of casual sex partner per month, but I don't want that morality imposed on society. Others want to tell us that a person cannot own, or carry a means of self-defense against muscular thugs and bullies although Sam Colt made the weak equal to bullies and free people have always sought the right to own a sword or club or whatever was available during their era to help them defend themselves and their loved ones. Tyrants have always wanted people to be at the mercy of them or others that do their bidding.**

**You say all I can have is a scattergun, pistol or rifle with a ten shot magazine, some of which have been around for 200 years to defend the Constitution against usurpers who've commandeered the police and military by becoming their paymasters. Unless there are enough 'truthers' troopers the NOW will win the day but I hold out hope for our species anyway.**

## **Healing and health**

**It's the holiday season and the germs are jumping, from me to you and from you to the next victim... they just want in on the party!**

**Whether it's hit by a bus or death by 1,000 cuts, mother nature and father time eventually get their way.**

**Influenza pandemic of 1918/19 up to 100,000,000 people died worldwide in less than a year...**

**Forget frustration, lately my irritation threshold's been way to low, due to everything from 'Siri', driving, the 'pace of life' etc. I need to work on this because things are actually going too good to be irritable... not that things are perfect by any stretch.**

**When critiqued I'm going to say, 'why not' instead of getting defensive. That puts the burden of proof on the critic, who can make a case if they want... and I can consider it if I want.**



Had an ultrasound of my testes four years ago done by male nurse which lasted about ten uncomfortable minutes. Had one done yesterday per doctor's order, this time it lasted twenty minutes and was done by an gentle, experienced female nurse. The lights were dim and the only thing missing was music, what can I say... it was worth every one of the \$ 300 it cost ☺

## **Heaven**

**"I reach to the sky**

**And call out your name**

**And if I could trade, I would**

**And it feels and it feels like**

**Heaven's so far away"...The Offspring**

**I hope there're no hoses in heaven unless the manufactures can make ones that don't kink.**

**In heaven nobody snores and everyone has good teeth... they say hell's a place of; woe, wailing and gnashing of teeth... bad teeth and no sleep, yikes!**

**Assuming one dies and goes to heaven, will our loved ones know our deepest thoughts and will we know theirs and won't that piss people off? I guess you could say that if you go to heaven, you probably wouldn't of had many deep, dark secrets thoughts that you want to keep from your love ones... Really?**

**We may be generally or totally unaware of the powers and principalities in the heavens battling for the souls of mankind, but when we get an inkling we should side as best we can with the right ones.**

**"If we could have the best of both worlds, we'd have heaven right here on earth, woo!"...Van Halen**

**"Injustice cannot conquer Principle,**

**Principle cannot conquer Law,**

**Law cannot conquer Power,**

**Power cannot conquer Heaven"... Kusunoki Masashige (14th-century Samurai)**

## **Hell**

If 'they' are right, then billions of people are burning in hell eternally and each day is a new nightmare. Some of them soften the blow considerably by interpreting the scriptures to mean that non-believers souls are consumed by fire and destroyed forever. I guess that's more palatable but they're countered by those who interpret the Bible as saying that you have to; speak in tongues, believe in the 'One-ness' doctrine, or this that or the other doctrine or you'll go to hell... it's all very confusing.

Even the strongest men fear hell. They want heaven but like most people would settle for a nice, long permanent rest but according to the religionists that's not how it works. Nobody wants hell and that's where they *get us*. That's why we're scared, and one of the reasons we kill for our; faith, country, king or president. Even though near death experiences generally refute the religionists line of thinking, I wouldn't expect many of those strong men to change their opinions, or admit their fears.

Not sure if the devil's in the details, a real 'entity' or sometimes just being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I think it's mostly in the details especially if you don't pay attention to them.

My question is what happens after the death/near death experience? Do we fissile out or go on and does and has God really consigned most of the people who've ever lived to eternal damnation, or is that a human construct?

I don't see a lot of difference between Christians and Muslims, although Islam *seems* to allow more mayhem. *Technically* Christianity may not allow as much but as much has been committed in the name of Jesus as in the name of Mohammed. In both cases, old people shout about who's going to Hell, young people man do their bidding and to the victors go the spoils.

## **Heresy**

I don't see myself as challenging God, I see myself as challenging the people who claim to have a patent on Him.

It's logical that Jesus and/or his 'biographers' warned about false prophets... among other things, there were earlier, or contemporary competitors who needed to be 'dealt with.' These may have included Simon of Perea ... and/or other 'messiahs' like Juda... not Judas.

The Jewish historian Josephus reportedly mentioned Simon and the writing on the “Gabriel Stone” that may predate Jesus and refers to a resurrection after three days are cases in point.

Dare I say, a ‘liberal’ sprinkling of psychobabble mixed with horrendous threats. Thoughts and writings that are at the same time enticing and compelling yet contradictory and probably not as original as we taught to believe. There’s something for everyone be they liberal or conservative and the threat of eternal punishment is quite a clincher.

Increasingly I prefer the; Founding Fathers, Aesop, Gandhi and Buddha over Jesus and the patriarchs of the Bible. Which isn't to say I despise the latter, I ‘just’ consider them unlikely to be right about every single thing, which it seems they and their followers fervently claim to be the case. On the bright side, Christianity in general allows you to be punished in the afterlife vs. murdering you now as some other religions may espouse... on the dark side, there’s a cohort within the church that will gladly kill for the faith at the drop of a hat...they consider themselves the honor guard and the broader church either doesn’t much care to reign them in or finds them *useful* at times.

## Heroes

“I can show you spears, a banner, caparisons for horses, and other military rewards, besides the scars of wounds on my breast. These are my statues; this is my nobility; honors, not left like theirs, by inheritance, but acquired amid innumerable toils and dangers”... Roman General Caius Marius

Heroes are *appointed* depending on their devotion to a cause and every cause has them. Heroes are honored ranked in order of how much havoc they’ve created or and how much they’ve defended their group’s cause...

One thing that gets me is how one side calls someone a coward and the other calls him a hero or martyr. How can you tell which side is right? Is it from the tears of the children... I just don't know.

One soldier might be considered; cowardly, traitorous or mentally ill for not obeying ‘orders’ to kill people, another who kills people on command is a hero... it usually doesn't matter if the cause’s good, bad or indifferent... not wonder peace is a rare commodity.

I unashamedly fluctuating somewhere between Unitarian and Pentecostal, which means I’m neither and just fine with it and having neither a messiah or martyr complex, I’m reluctant to take a soapbox to the nearest corner and preach. My role models are *people*

like George, John, Ben and Tom... not exactly heroes, full of foibles and not one claimed to be the messiah or a god.

## **History**

**“There is never certainty except in retrospect”... James Grant**

**History repeats and the person you call ‘on the wrong side’ today might clean your clock tomorrow...**

**Let the tide of history do the heavy lifting, because it's impossible to overturn such empires until they destroy half the world. That’s when people might consider that what they inherited from Nicea and Constantine may not have been what the historical Jesus had in mind. Every church is likely to include a potentially murderous zealot and many more with sharp tongue's full of threats and accusations... it's better to let them dig their own grave.**

**I consider myself an amateur historian as much as a ‘commentator’, cause studying the past helps understanding the present.**

**At the time of the revolution Virginia had produced extraordinary though not perfect men like Washington and Jefferson. By the Civil war the best it could do was Bobby Lee, a man willing to kill 100's of thousands to preserve slavery and a cruel, inhuman social order.**

**In addition to prescribing who we must associate with they’re also prescribing that we must ‘stake’ certain people and their entire families financially. Meanwhile they have little incentive to ‘revise’ their ‘mores’, leading not only to the perpetuation of their poverty but misery for society in general... talk about laying your eggs in someone else’s next ☹**

**Should I treat everyone as an individual? Yes but when 90% of them vote monolithically and IMO it’s for a free lunch, I have to do more than just scratch my head. If they didn't act monolithically, I wouldn’t be tempted to treat them monolithically and I refuse to ignore; experience; statistics and observation in favor of other people’s words. I realize everyone’s an individual, but when their ancestors were IMO largely, comparatively unaccomplished and they also X percent of the population and commit three or 4X percent of the murders and other crimes... what am I to think? Not that it's somebody else's fault as you would have me believe.**

**I don't accept slavery as an excuse although I agree it’s was one of the worst crimes in history... but it wasn’t just westerners involved, I believe that Africans were deeply**

complicit in a number of ways. This included facilitating or actually capturing their own people and trading/selling them to 'down-stream' slave traders. A measure of responsibility might also be said to be on the Africans who for 'various reasons' had no strong defense against aggressors. As sad as it may be that humans need strong defenses against aggressors, it has been a fact of life for thousands of years... maybe someday it won't be necessary but in the meantime, let's learn from the tragedies of history and not allow ourselves to become at the mercy of evil doers of any race, creed or color.

I doubt I can change any megatrends, factory automation is changing the work place for example, religious warriors are vying for dominance, demographics is driving other trends etc., but I might be able to improve our micro situation, by saving and investing intelligently... maybe I'll do that and *maybe* it'll work.

"History is a myth men choose to believe in"...Napoleon

## **Holidays**

It's Thanksgiving, they say it's better to give than to receive and I agree but wonder if sharing's as good as giving? If those you're giving to are irresponsible, unwilling to help themselves, or even intent on usurping, replacing or destroying you, then flat out charity is the same as giving them a rope to hang you with.

I know we're heading home cause a certain song's replaced the one I've been stuck on the whole vacation...it's not my theme song, just one that spends lots of time in my head.

If I'm going to go on vacation somewhere where they hate Americans, I'd rather it be in America than somewhere else ☺

Yesterday was Father's Day and today I realize, I'm a lucky man with a great family, good friends and nothing to complain about!

According to the Census Bureau \$600 million of Christmas ornaments were imported from China a few years ago and it's probably over a billion by now. I'm not surprised especially considering that Christmas is celebrated commercially by just about everyone, including most of the devout who also celebrate December 25th as Jesus's birthday... which many scholars say was really around the month of April... hmmm.

I can be sick of certain people and certain things or I can remember it's Christmas and try to love everyone...I think that's what I'll do.

I like Christmas not that we sweep its pagan roots under the rug. If you're going make a point of it being all about Jesus, why don't you celebrate it in April when he most likely was born and why do you decorate evergreen trees like the Babylonian's who worshipped Baal supposedly did... and Santa Clause... well that's a horse of a different color but like Jesus he sees you when you're sleeping and he knows when you've been good or bad so be good for goodness sake.

## **Hollywood**

### **(Un) Holy Wars**

If German soldiers weren't Christians why were they buried with crosses over their graves instead of swastikas? I agree they were hijacked by the Nazis but like it or not, in Europe arguably this was another war between Christians...

"Can I get another Amen? (Amen!) There's a flag wrapped around a score of men"...  
Green Day

## **Home Improvement**

### **Hometown...**

### **Homosexuality**

### **Household Matters**

I just pushed a jigger under the dish drainer while trying to get it and of course it got pushed farther underneath. Kind of like when I reach for something under the bed, or car and accidentally push it further under so that I have to crawl to reach it. These are the minor frustrations of life that in a way make the world go around... and then you die☺

Things show up in my closet so wear them... it's like manna from heaven but I don't look as good.

Sonny vacuumed the house with the new big vac and got tons of dirt...but don't expect me to lug that thing up and down the stairs. I got the lightweight rechargeable one because I'm too old for lugging and a little dirt never hurt anyone anyway☺

The vacuum cleaner is so full I can tell the dust mites aren't doing their job of 'eating dust', does that mean we need more of them?

## **Human Nature**

A study shows that humans form groups based on anything from religion to neighborhoods and we prefer ours to any others. The study says we quickly begin to view the other groups as threats, which might be a survival thing. What the study may not have addressed is if we can or should change this behavior and whether or not in this day and age its destructive more than constructive.

Sometimes I think I'm just a life-support system for gonads, or for my digestive track and taste buds... usually I think there's more to it than that☺

When I see people; dressed to the nines, puff up with bras or steroids, coloring our hair or otherwise adorning ourselves, it reminds me of displays in nature and it makes me think we're closer to the birds and the beasts than we care to admit. IMO we're showing off for members of both sexes... the opposite if were looking for a mate and/or for the same-sex if we're after social status.

Most people do good things and some not so good things but they mistake the fact that they good do some good things with being right all the time.

Ever notice, the more people talk, the less they say☺

Don't let others dictate points of diminishing returns for you, because they'll always try to get more out of you than from themselves. For example, I just cleaned the tub better for my wife and I than I did for the renters.... hmmm.

Everyone I know is pissed off about something be it; immigration, Isis, global warming or something else and the solution is always - twist their arm, poke them in the eye or drop a bomb on their house...

Some people are very good at remembering but not so good at reasoning, others are just the opposite... good luck to everyone!

You may think you're doing your share but guess what the other person thinks? In their heart of hearts, most people also think their causes are more important than anyone else's...

People manage the best they can... that's how the world goes round and sometimes it makes me wonder how it does.

“From a distance you look like my friend, even though we are at war. From a distance I just cannot comprehend what all this fighting is for. God is watching us. God is watching us from a distance”... Julie Gold. Cool song, she can't understand what all this fighting's for, I guess we all want our kids families and countries to do great and we don't mind

'stepping on a few toes' to make that happen. Maybe that's what all the fighting's for and God's up there watching it all.

Common sense is great but it's application is complicated by the fact that one person's common sense views may not jive with another person's... in fact they might clash violently. Common sense isn't always objective, it can be as subjective as anything else and depending on one's worldview etc. mine may not be the same as yours...I suppose that makes common ground just as important as common sense.

## **Humility...**

Humility? That's quite a concept. I think it's quite rare and the genuine kind even rarer... don't look at me☺

Pride and humility intersect when the proud are humbled... it doesn't mean they were overly proud or *bad*, they were probably very good people who came upon hard times.

If you can't be humble at least try to be polite...don't brag about your victories or pine about your setbacks... no one really cares ☺

Think I'll follow the Guru's lead and call myself a "a world famous humanitarian"... heck it's a free country☺

I will gladly be and polite and respectful but you call that phony and patronizing. Instead you want me to be deferential and to agree with groupthink... that my friend would be phony.

Behind flattery there is usually an agenda on the part of the flatterer towards the *flatteree*... a Japanese journalist spilled the beans about what he called 'Asian flattery'... apparently we Americans eat it up. I don't think Asians have a patent on the technique... its used by everyone to charm, disarm and neutralize.

Don't elaborate, just answer the question, *extra* information will be used against you, or *depreciated*. Brief answers are appreciated and cryptic ones are considered interesting.

Anything you say can and will be used against you in; a court of law, your living room, church or local pub.



## **Hypocrisy?**

**I think everybody's a hypocrite but not everyone's a parasite... I've been called both and take it to heart... but don't think many people are these all the time.**

**I've made lots of generalizations and stand by some, not sure of others and changed my mind on a few... why's that such a big deal?**

Hate to admit it but I'm a champ at calling the kettle black... guess I'm a hypocrite and a social critic...  
So sorry ☺

**A lot of people have admitted to talking out of both sides of their mouth, in other words being hypocrites and liars at times others haven't. Included on both sides of the aisle are the most famous people in history.**

**Things are often different behind closed doors, compared to our public personas and that's okay. It would be better to bring the decorum and self-control we usually display in public to our private lives than vice versa.**

## **Idealism**

"We're not trying to change the world were just trying to convince people that it's possible"... Stephen Stills

**Idealism's about ideology because under it you can lump; religion, nationalism environmentalism, atheism, etc... they're all *isms* and *ologies*.**

**People, religions and nationalists 'harp' because their views aren't universally accepted... if they were they could stop...**

**Funny how one man's idealism is another man's narcissism and 'good deeds' are mostly in the eye of the beholder.**

## **Immigration**

**Responsible people tend to only have as many children as they can support, irresponsible or people with an agenda to usurp other have as many children as the target society will finance for them... it is wrong and stupid for the members of a society to allow themselves to be replaced in such a manner. The 'brain trust' may tell them that it's charitable or**

necessary for the economy because the existent people have too low a birthrate, but to solve the problem by allowing immigration of untold numbers of peoples who plan not to assimilate but to eventually overwhelm and dominate is absurd.

Obama's 'Dreamer expansion plan' has been temporarily stopped by the courts, we'll see how it plays out in the long run...these children might be dreamers but their parents were schemers. IMO dreamers should be able to stay if they were born here and aren't milking the system, their parents and your grandparents who were scammers should either not be allowed to stay or only allowed if they never receive another government benefit... meanwhile back at the ranch the 14<sup>th</sup>? amendment should be overturned and discarded because it is been abused horribly.

I think Middle Eastern migrants should stay in their region and change it for the better instead of moving to the western world and generally making it worse. Sorry but even some of the Muslims I know and love seem to express religious intolerance and though some of my Christian friends and loved ones also express religious intolerance they seem to allow for things like the right to change your religions...I'm not sure my Muslim friends agree.

This came to mind while listening to the song, 'Feed the World' by the group Band Aid back in 1984 (what timing.) Feeding the world is all fine and good until you can't feed them anymore because many are having babies that they can't support at a rate that eventually overwhelms the altruists resources. I know there are extenuating circumstances but they're also groups that seem to use the charity of others as a strategy to take over altruistic societies and turn them from welfare states into a state of welfare.

In the 30's immigrants had to prove they wouldn't be 'public charges', meaning requiring government assistance before being *allowed in*. Emma Lazarus' words on the Statue of Liberty which she wrote to raise money for statue's pedestal should be re-examined. We are letting an activist's world view dictate our immigration policy to the detriment to our country. That quote though nice, is not beyond reproach and represents another brick in wall that's teetering over our lifeboat. Why not have a more intelligent immigration policy aka strategy? It may be because we're such a uniquely great nation and there's nothing wrong with accepting, "the wretched refuse of your teeming shore" within reason maybe there should be a better thought out policy... just saying.

## **Infinity, Eternity...**

Could a déjà vu 'just' be intrinsic knowledge of the same thing having happened before in the infiniverse... In a timeless infiniverse has 'everything' happened an infinite number of times?

So, does life occur throughout the infiniverse via the laws of statistical probability or does God have a different arithmetic?

## **Instinct**

## **Intervention**

“A larger voice is calling”...Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

“Why follow me to higher ground lost as you swear I am”... Collective Soul

## **Irony**

“And don’t we give you a lick on the family *lolly* every harvest moon”... The Settlers  
(I see this as a metaphor for other things.)

I don't know what other people know, I only know what I know and sometimes I don't know that...

Things aren't always as they seem...usually because of things people have done and sometimes it's God working in mysterious ways.

Is there only one form of logic? I two people disagree and have different worldviews, there may be two opposite yet logical positions.

You don't have to listen to Alanis Morissette to realize that life’s full of irony. When passing a pokester, they often speed up, maybe not wanting to be passed, instead they now want to race or at least have company. Another irony so to speak is getting caught in a downpour after a lousy business trip...it’s the proverbial ‘if it's not one thing it's something else.’

Is it ironic that we’re such a competitive species? Like any other, we’ll starve if we don’t compete but unlike others we want to do more than survive... we want ‘stuff’ and lots of it...

Another irony is you can write your entire life and nobody ever see it, but you do it anyway! You can't help yourself even knowing that it’s like to go straight down the tubes.

## **Japan**

If I have to justify the way I make a living, I'd say I live off the fat of Japan. At the same time I can't and won't attempt to justify anything they did in World War II. Neither do I think it's entirely reasonable for some Americans to deem it okay for our companies to sell products and build plants all over the world but consider it wrong for other companies to build plants here so they can sell in our market. I consider the latter the lesser of two evils and Japan has built hundreds of plants in the U.S. creating thousands of jobs. It would be better for those plants to be American owned but if we can build plants overseas why shouldn't Japanese, Europeans or anyone else have the right to build plants here? IMO the biggest problem for workers in this country is factory automation and that's unlikely to go away. As usual those who are critical of the way I make money have no problem working for me, or in other ways spending my tainted money. Maybe they're 'righting my wrongs', doing God's bidding, paying their bills, or in their minds doing all three.

When I say, 'living off the fat of Japan' am I rationalizing my behavior? Probably and am I making moral judgments? Probably... such as we nuked Japan's cities, so do we owe them something? They did horrible things in World War II that I'd never defend but as far as I know they haven't bombed anybody since. I am making moral judgment, excuses and rationalizations for which I should be criticized and for which some want me to apologize. I do but not as profusely as they'd like nor will I fall on my sword, we all rationalize and judge other's based on whether or not someone's actions result in a benefit to our people, our agenda and mostly ourselves. Those who are critical are also the first to demand money etc. from their targets... they often think that they're 'the hand of God.'

Other than Japan in the U.S.A., what other country has built enough plants in another country to create millions of jobs? Well maybe the U.S. and Japan have done that in China too.

## **Jefferson, Thomas...**

From Thomas Jefferson to Ezra Stiles Ely, 25 June 1819

Monticello June 25. 19. Your favor Sir. of the 14th has been duly received, and with it the book you were so kind as to forward to me. For this mark of attention be pleased to accept my thanks. The science of the human mind is curious, but it is one on which I have not indulged myself in much speculation. The times in which I have lived, and the scenes in which I have been engaged have required me to keep the mind too much in action to have leisure to study minutely its laws of action. I am therefore little qualified to give an opinion on the comparative worth of books on that subject, and little disposed to do it on any book.

yours has brought the science within a small compass and that is a merit of the 1st order; and especially with one to whom the drudgery of letter writing often denies the leisure of reading a single page in a week. On looking over the summary of the contents of your book, it does not seem likely to bring into collision any of those sectarian differences which you suppose may exist between us. in that branch of religion which regards the moralities of life, and the duties of a social being, which teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to do good to all men, I am sure that you & I do not differ. We probably differ on that which relates to the dogmas of theology, the foundation of all sectarianism, and on which no two sects dream alike; for if they did they would then be of the same. you say you are a Calvinist. I am not. I am of a sect by myself, as far as I know. I am not a Jew: and therefore do not adopt their theology, which supposes the god of infinite justice to punish the sins of the fathers upon their children, unto the 3d and 4th generation: and the benevolent and sublime reformer of that religion has told us only that god is good and perfect, but has not defined him. I am therefore of his theology, believing that we have neither words nor ideas adequate to that definition. and if we could all, after his example, leave the subject as undefinable, we should all be of one sect, doers of good & eschewers of evil. No doctrines of his lead to schism. It is the speculations of crazy theologians which have made a Babel of a religion the most moral and sublime ever preached to man, and calculated to heal, and not to create differences. These religious animosities I impute to those who call themselves his ministers, and who engraft their casuistries on the stock of his simple precepts. I am sometimes more angry with them than is authorized by the blessed charities which he preached. To yourself I pray the acceptance of my great respect. TH. Jefferson

I'm not comparing myself to Tom but if he was a Christian then maybe I am too. Not sure he'd care if he was called one or not...

## **Jihad and Crusade**

## **Judging each Other**

**"Judge not lest ye be judged"... Jesus**

It's probably just me but 'judge not, lest ye be judged', like 'though shalt not kill', often seems to be nothing more than window dressing and fancy talk...

To be considered a disturbed individual is not a badge of honor but in today's society it may not be a disgrace.

People are by nature judgmental and suspicious of each other... not that we should be judgmental, but when they stop being judgmental and suspicious, it could mean you're not being taken seriously.

**Apologize or don't apologize? What's the big deal... I don't think you'll accept I, you just want to hear it.**

**Go ahead and judge, do it to my face if you want or behind my back...you seem to think you're doing me a favor... but there's a man in a mirror you might want to look at too... admittedly I have the same problem and suggest we leave each other alone if possible.**

**I don't know the 'intricacies' of your life and you don't know the intricacies of mine yet we judge each other...**

**I'm as guilty of everything I judge others for as they are... maybe more.**

**We all judge each other using different criteria, I may judge you by your looks and you may judge me by the look on my face... I think we're both wrong.**

**I don't believe in a master race and am skeptical of the idea that there are a chosen people, exceptional people yes but not chosen ones. That being said, there's nothing wrong with being 'run of the mill'... most of us are, we might just want to aspire to a bit or a lot more.**

**A lot of our problems are  
caused by trying to be  
something we're not...  
but that shouldn't conflict  
with the 'sky's the limit.'**

**I'm not saying \_\_\_\_\_ are crazy, just saying \_\_\_\_\_ are nuts ☺**

**If I am to believe your assessment, virtue drips off you and oozes from your pores...**

## **Karma**

**"Don't surround yourself with yourself move on back to squares, send that instant karma to me initial it with loving care"... Yes**

**"Now it's just a matter of waiting for it to blow up in my face, then circle around and bite me in the ass"... Alan Harper**

**There is a first time for everything... I got in the right checkout line and a good haircut both in the same week!**

Every once in a while you get a chance to do the right thing...nice. Every once in a while chance to do something nice... right!

Karma, grace call it whatever you want... you can go around making amends and repenting for every little screw up, like *forgetting* to wash your hands, or you can try to do better next time☺

Most people I like what goes around a lot better than what comes around... which according to some people is how the world works.

Be kind to everyone... that doesn't mean you never have to kick ass and take names.

“I wish I was as fortunate as fortunate as me, I wish I was a Messenger and all the news was good”... Pearl Jam

## **LGBT (QRSTLMNOP)**

“Girls will be boys and boys will be girls

It's a mixed up muddled up shook up world except for Lola

La-la-la-la Lola”... Kinks

“Sugar Plum Fairy came and hit the streets, lookin' for soul food and a place to eat. Went to the Apollo, you should have seen him go, go, go, they said, hey Sugar, take a walk on the wild side, I said, hey babe, take a walk on the wild side, alright, huh”... Lou Reed. Was Lou stereotyping a black transvestite and if so I guess it was PC enough for him to get away with it back then, but no one's monolithically in tune with the stereotypes of their culture and no one fits in perfectly anywhere we're all individuals.

You call it the new normal and say that it is equal I'm saying it's not new, not normal, been around forever and it hasn't contributed nearly as much to society as you say it has...

A friend told us that a gay friend visited from out of town and stayed with her for a few days. She said he had 6 hook ups in one week or one month... hmmm, sure let's let them run society... not.

The media calls religious freedom bills ‘anti-gay laws’ while the bills supporters say they aren't that. They say that TPTB want to makes gays’ a protected class with special rights and privileges... I agree and think that what's going on here isn't a fight for survival, it's a fight for dominance.

Ellen's acted surprised to be awarded humanitarian of the year again because she's, 'just doing what we're supposed to do, treat each other with respect.' It's a given that we should treat each other with respect but I see her as cunning and masterfully deceitful as usual. She's shrewd and lewd and her advancement of the gay agenda under her various and *hilarious* disingenuous guises is designed to pull the wool over the eyes of everyone... youth in particular. It's one thing for her to want equality, it's another to agitate through humor and sarcasm for special privileges and status for gays. Side note; I have nothing against gays but won't use LGBT anymore and will simply call a gay a gay... LGBT is less an acronym for a group of oppressed people than a ploy for greater power and legitimacy then they deserve. Equal okay, special no!

A lesbian couple is trying to adopt a foster child but a Utah judge wants to give the child to heterosexual couple. The judge said studies say children are better off being raised by heterosexual parents but the CNN legal analyst pundit says *all the studies* say LGBT parents are every bit as good as heterosexual parents. The anchor woman, who says she's a child advocate agrees with the analyst whole-heartedly and says the judge's action really upsets her...I guess the judge is reading different studies. I think community standard should prevail but money talks even if it's coming from NY, Atlanta, LA or where ever CNN's masters live. The problem with community standards is that a powerful, moneyed elite in control or at least with great influence over the federal government and media can change community standards via advertising, TV news/entertainment programming or simply by executive order. I have a dog in this fight because I think heterosexuality should prevail over homosexuality in this case, unless no reasonably 'well-adjusted' heterosexual parents can be found. I agree that equal treatment for LGBT's is important but that the locals should determine what that means and the feds should stay out of it unless LGBT's are at risk of violence or dispossession... unfortunately or not big-money sees things differently.

Consequence for discrimination unless, life, limb or necessities of life are involved? You should lose the sale not go to jail...

It's been said that LGBT's 'progressives' typically have above average IQ's. As such they may want humanity to evolve in a particular direction and have the wherewithal to make that happen, while the average person who's more conservative or middle of the road doesn't necessarily want to evolve in that direction but may not have the passion or wherewithal to become an activist. He or she may believe society's evolved far enough in the direction of; alternative sexuality, or whatever and wants things left alone 'if they aint broke.' If not resisted both 'progressive' and conservative brainiacs, will engineer us into a brave new world of their own making...if we survive their machinations. Freedom loving, non-conformists of all types, should at least have the right to form communities where they can maintain their values and not be subjected through the; tax code, legal system or whatever to these new paradigms.



**“...we recognize and celebrate our LGTB brothers and sisters”... James B. Comey FBI Director**

## **Language, Buzzwords and “New speak”**

**What does crossing paths really mean? Maybe more than one thing...**

**Don't make your Christianity... Christian-vanity.**

**Anyone else remembers when the word fink was common? Don't fink on me etc.**

**If you call a block a brick, should I call a brick a block? Just wondering ☺**

**“So be it” means about the same as “it is what it is”... when it comes back in style I'll say it.**

**Speaking in riddles is fun but not the best way to get your point across.**

**I didn't know the word edible contains the word Eldib ☺**

## **Sent from my iPhone**

### **Law and Order**

**You can sue me for 'whatever' and I can comply, resist or bug out although the latter may be futile...**

**I won't 'willingly' be a poodle but the court may decide otherwise.**

**Women's insistence on ruling men by the vote may result in the same thing that happens when men try to rule us by the sword...**

**I've seen threats and ultimatums... Will we ever see compromise, tweaking and maybe even dialing back... I hope so.**

**The headline said, ‘filming police make some hesitant to do their job.’ I think that doing it right could make you famous, doing it wrong could make you infamous and both are just. Not sure the police would agree...**

**Why do I have to be in somebody's ‘camp’ and taking marching orders from them? I would rather be as sovereign as possible, granted that's not very much! I'm interested in**

promoting conditions whereby people with inquiring minds might question the ‘camp’ or start one’s of their own, instead of being in someone else’s and receiving marching orders from said leader.

## **Leaders**

Most of these guys who are charismatic and attract crowds of people are mongers and I don't mean they're selling fish...

## **Love**

“When everything feels all over. Everybody seems unkind. I'll give you a four leaf clover. Take all worry out of your mind”... Pete Townshend

Don’t worry and speculate about whether or not your lover or spouse is judging you. IMO they are and that’s not as bad as it sounds. You may get Agape love from Jesus but the seeming Agape love from your lover or spouse is likely to be somewhat conditional and if you start blowing things right and left, that Agape love dwindles on the vine. Just do your best to be a good mate, pull your weight and chances are you’ll get the love you need.

The only one in this world who cuts us any slack is our mom and she cuts us way too much...

Is anyone capable of agape love other than God? Mom’s might come the closest... but even hers may be slightly conditional, or contractual in some sense. What about God’s agape love... are there any conditions, strings etc.? If so I think they’re well worth it.

Dear friend, I suggest you find a mate... it’s not too late and no one else will listen to you etc. like a mate.

## **Loyalty and Trust**

“Just want someone to say to me I'll always be there when you wake”... Blind Melon

Even a Labrador retriever has its limits...

If you're loyalty, extra effort and trust goes to someone who guilts, dis's, takes advantage and puts you down you're making a big mistake. That person is holding you back and

deserves only basic courtesy and the time of day, unless and until they change their ways. It doesn't matter how popular, powerful or charismatic they are.

Don't put yourself or others down, leave that to the professionals... aka assholes.

I'm no more loyal to radio stations than to car brands. Most are owned by consortiums with international ties, and many are owned by provincialists who I trust no more than the former. I vote with my feet, dollars, remote and scan button for whoever gives me what I seek, and care little for their commercials, intros or other BS. They're comments about being unpatriotic for not buying their brand largely fall on deaf ears in my case. I see them primarily as being after the almighty dollar, which is fine with me but their insults towards those who don't accept them as the purest of the pure seems like crapola to me. I'm happy to buy when their price is right and to live and let live but when around them I'll watch my back.

Based on real or imagined slights, I can hate everyone, love everyone, or just not hate anyone...I'll do it.

"Think about it, there must be higher love, Down in the heart or hidden in the stars above  
Without it, life is a wasted time, Look inside your heart, I'll look inside mine"... Steve Winwood

## **Machismo?**

You're not a freaking bartender anymore so slowdown...

## **Masters of the Universe**

"Davos brings together the world's real decision makers. If you want a back stage pass to what's really going on in the world its Davos"... Andrew Ross Sorkin

Another funny follow, 'Masters of the Universe' right after the 'Machismo' chapter...

Hereditary wealth buys the media, legal system, politicians and determines government policy, eventually enslaving us by circus, cake and velvet handcuffs.

Princely class aka aristocracy ruling our lives? I don't like it but maybe it's the natural order of things... what's your opinion?

## **McLife**

**“I beg to dream and differ from the hollow lies, this is the dawning of the McRest of our lives”... Green Day (modified)**

**“It's the end of McWorld as we know it and I feel fine”... REM modified**

**Hey it's McWeekend!**

**“Time slips by mister and leaves you with nothing but boring stories of glory days”...  
Springsteen**

## **Manifest Destiny**

**Personal freedom and responsibility, community standards, states rights, national sovereignty, peace and security through a strong defense, no hegemony or violent manifest destiny.**

## **Marriage, Women and Wives (aka Adam and Eve-n)**

**"Life is very short and there's no time for fussing and fighting my friend, we can work it out, we can work it out"... Beatles**

**“My love is an anchor tied to you, tied with a silver chain”... Crosby, Stills and Nash**

**“I know there's a place you walked**

**Where love falls from the trees**

**My heart is like a broken cup**

**I only feel right on my knees,**

**I spit out like a sewer hole**

**Yet still recieve your kiss**

**How can I measure up to anyone now**

**After such a love as this?”... The Who**

**“She so fine there's no telling where the money went”... Robert Palmer**

**“God he created them; male and female he created them”...The Bible**

**“Not too skinny, she's not too fat, She's a real humdinger and I like it like that, She's the devil with the blue dress on...good golly Miss Molly!”...Mitch Ryder and the Detroit wheels**

**“So I'll be there when you arrive, the sight of you will prove to me I'm still alive”... Abba**

**“Call me, call me, call me – call me anytime, Call me, call me, call me – call me for some overtime”... Blondie**

**“I'm a bitch, I'm a lover, I'm a child, I'm a mother, I'm a sinner, I'm a saint, I do not feel ashamed, I'm your hell, I'm your dream, I'm nothing in between, You know you wouldn't want it any other way”... Alanis Morissette (Yikes Alanis!!!!)**

**“So slide over here and give me a moment your needs are so raw I've got to make you mine”... INXS**

**“You gave away the things you love in one of them was me”... Carly Simon (You're so Vain)**

**“Whos gonna pick you up when you fall, who's gonna hang it up when you call, who's gonna pay attention to your dreams, who's gonna plug their ears when you scream”... The Cars**

**I'm at ease/peace with the knowledge that I will never make my wife completely happy. I'm content to try to make her reasonably happy and hope to be successful in that capacity. Her true, complete happiness and contentment if it ever occurs will come from other things in her life...**

**... they come 'preprogrammed' and I guess we do too☺**

**A man shouldn't have to go around asking permission and apologizing to his wife but he should realize that sometimes there will be HTP for standing his ground... it's worth it.**

**The problem with the marriage contract as I see it is that if you don't like the way the property will be distributed you either have to divorce, talk your spouse into changing names on things, or just hope that they die first and that's ridiculous!**

**You want to make us something we're not and you seem to want to be something you're not. That's too bad because we just want to be what we are... it's too bad if you don't but that's your right.**

**She wants to know my fantasies but if I talked I'm pretty sure there'd be trouble...**

There are things that were likely long ago forgotten by her but never to be forgotten by me and vice versa.

If the hens are going to rule the roost, don't be surprised if the rooster fly the coop... not that many of the gals would mind.

If the law says that the surviving spouse gets to bequeath or spend all the couple's assets him or herself, and the one that dies first loses all control of a lifetime of work, then it's an unfair, unhealthy system...

Ladies... I'm pretty sure they're from a different planet☺

Marriage never was and never will be a perfect institution but is it the best possible arrangement for living together and raising children... *maybe... IMO probably.*

The 'curse?' Is it really? All mammalian females menstruate although usually not monthly.

So men fantasize about *other* women, what a surprise! Many *mature* women know this, not sure if most young women do. The question I have is how much do women fantasize about other men or women? My wife won't elaborate, so I just go on wondering... she says she has no imagination... yeah right!

Just as I got used to peanut butter spoons in the sink, I'm getting used to long hair on my toothbrush... oh well.

The problem with the marriage contract is if you don't like the way the property will be distributed you either have to divorce, talk your spouse into changing names on things or just hope that they die first and that's ridiculous!

What one spouse wants to do with their estate is every bit as important as what the other wants. IMO disposal of the fruit of either's labor should be the choice of the producer as best as that can be determined. Each should have the privilege of making their own decision with their portion, be it divided in half or whatever. Neither should be empowered to determine that the other's plan of what to do with their portion is illegitimate, they have the right to their opinion shouldn't have power over their others purse.

They say it's better to be 'evenly yoked' but does that allow room for growth and can growth only be within the approved framework of the shared yoke?

Will 'sewing his wild oats' keep a young man from cheating later on? IMO it depends on the man and other 'factors.' Does it apply to women? I don't know ask some.

If you're not going to have a family or a marriage because you look at ours and see how imperfect it is, just remember this I don't regret it for a second...

I'm really not wedded to it being the law of the land and think there should be freedom of choice on the matter... some people are into M&A and some aren't ☺

IMO it's better to fantasize than cheat and maybe I shouldn't get into particulars but here goes! A few of the things cheaters encounter depending on if they're male or female; dirty underwear, cellulite, imperfect bodies, STDs, sags, bulges, beer bellies, *residual* semen, unpleasant odors and habits, not to mention broken families...they all come out in the light of day after the glow of the forbidden romance has disappeared .... Whether it's your family, hers or his, people are angry and disappointed when we graze on the other side of the fence... if you must, just gaze instead. If you *just* fantasize no one knows, or if they do they won't be as PO'd as when we actually cheat. Avoid the pain and pitfalls; remain in control, don't get wasted when you're around the other sex and don't cheat ... it's common sense!

Fantasizing which allows us a little leeway so to speak has been closed by Matthew 5:28. We're told that fantasizing is the same as literally cheating, so this loophole that allows us to keep our sanity 'etc.' isn't an *option*. The PTB truly want an iron grip on our thoughts and actions, it reminds me of the line, "a mortgage on our bodies and lean on our souls." Our basic instincts are a little different and somebody out there may want to curb, control or outlaw any instinct that conflicts with their interests or views. This is all fine and good if it's truly what God wants, but if the decree comes from man or woman, I must respectfully disagree. I wonder if their desire to control our sexuality is as beneficial to the family as they think... In any case they seem to think that instinct is something to be overcome not indulged... who knows?

To mother is to nurture, it's also to pester and when married it's also to badger... I don't hold that against the ladies, apparently that's their wiring and mine's no better!

What do you think about women he asked me with women around? I won't wade into those waters I told him thinking to myself that I'd rather not be eaten by sharks. After all I've only been married 32 years and have a mother, sister, daughter, aunts and a niece... how should I know anything about women yet? ☺

Cheating? Not only would my intentions be bad, so would theirs... 'eye candy' like other sweets are best viewed but not eaten. They're usually overrated, disappointing and bad for your health.

In case of marital strife and divorce, my sympathy's usually most for the spouse who's; kind and less domineering... sometimes it's the woman sometimes it's the man.

IMO motherhood is one of the most important jobs in the world and that should translate into mom's receive great support but not control over society. Parental rights and responsibilities should not be adjudicated by a court system ultimately beholden to the

greater voting power of women. The system shouldn't be overturned, it should be tweaked to make it better and fairer for everyone.

Things I do that irritate my wife...sing, hum and get blisters when we go for a walk☺

Scientists have now 'tricked' mouse sperm into thinking they are fertilizing viable eggs when they aren't... they news cast implied that means babies can be 'produced' without eggs...?

You might consider *employing* a sexual surrogate, or meet someone you like and have protected sex. Most men will walk away from a girl who's determined to hold out till marriage, so you might attract weirdos and holding out for Mr. or Ms. may prove to be a fool's errand. Most of the people championing virginity had sex in their teens...hmmm. Unless you want to live a lonely life I suggest you abandon the world of Cinderella. Sex is and always has been one of the most natural parts of life, those who desire you are not automatically pigs and you're not a slut for having sex unless you go overboard.

Did someone say marriage is a form of house arrest? Not saying it is, just wondering...

What is she going to do? I don't know she's unpredictable... ladies hurricanes same thing☺

I really wonder if there a married couple anywhere that's not to some degree a version of the "Lockhorns?" Cases range from mild, or moderate to severe but I suspect every couple's there somewhere... if not there might be something wrong.

Beauty is fleeting and altered by food, makeup, age etc. so it's better to value everyone for who they are not how they look but if you want to be shallow on occasion or all the time you should have that right.

Another way of putting it is we all want a significant other, a spouse or a lover and we won't get that unless we give as well as receive. If we're unwilling we won't get what we want be it sex, love or a helping hand. Very sorry but the ancient quid pro quo still applies, maybe it's changing as we speak but it's far from gone. Maybe I'm an asshole for not wanting to wait if I was a single guy but I can live with that label and don't see a reason to apologize as long as I respect others opinions to live according to their views on the subject.

Would all the people who didn't wait for marriage to have sex be better souls if they'd waited? I doubt it and think most of them do too. I don't know what God thinks... but there are plenty of people who'll tell you they do.

Maybe you have orgasms on a regular basis, if not your missing a very anxiety reducing thing. If you're not taught these things in school and you're old enough, maybe one of your



parents should volunteer. In many countries it's normal for parents to 'spill the beans' and though I may be rebuked for sticking my nose where it 'doesn't belong', I'm volunteering...whether or not you're receptive is up to you.

A good spouse might use everything at their disposal to keep a marriage intact. It's usually for the kids and might include; threats, intimidation and the law and whoever the law favors has the upper hand, which isn't a good thing? Monogamy may or may not be completely natural but it's good for children and all but extreme cases and the parent who strays usually does it for selfish, wrong-headed reasons and finds out the grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence. The same problems exist and the 'rewards' are fleeting at best. The 'object of affection' should at most remain an object of fascination and remain at least an arm's length away. Acting on our emotions damages or ruins families and usually find out that the object of our desire, tastes, smells and 'is' no better than our neglected 'original.'

(funny how stay and stray are only a letter apart)

Your people are much sweeter than mine but you do have that wicked streak, as in 'Hell have no fury...' and all that.

If you're a man sex is an obvious gift to be enjoyed, if you're a woman I'm not sure what it is, maybe a gift to be enjoyed, maybe a gift to give, maybe a means to an end, but from time immemorial it is been an integral part of life for humans and nothing to be ashamed of or to put off till tomorrow. The people telling you they wish they'd waited are; right, wrong, full of it or something else. The people telling you that Jesus wants you to wait are... well I don't know but I strongly advise you to get it done, find a mate and move on to the adult level of life... sorry to be so blunt but I'm just the messenger.

Interesting... she thinks I'm some kind of animal that needs regular exercise? Works for me ☺

The song says, 'girls just want to have fun', which seems to include board games. I think they meant bored games but you got to do what you gotta do and surprisingly they actually can be fun.

Are threats, ultimatums and suspicion a normal part of marriage? If so, they fall into the category, "good times and bad." If they are rare and occasional it's 'okay'... but they don't strengthen the marriage.

"I've dreamt about you nearly every night this week... this tune I found makes me think of you somehow and I play it on repeat... the nights were mainly made for saying things that you can't say tomorrow day" ... Arctic Monkeys

**“Who are you, what were you before, what did you do and what do you think? Here's looking at you kid!”... Rick Blaine (Casablanca)**

**"Put on thy bonnet, thy cape and glove for thee I love, thee I love"...Friendly Persuasion**

**“Did you do it for love, did you do it for money, did you do it for spite, did you think you had too honey?”... The Eagles**

**"No woman who wants something is a lady, if she is she won't get it"...Sonia Kovac (Lauren Bacall)**

**“Are you hot Mama? You sure look that way to me”... Foreigner**

## **Meek Shall Inherit the Earth...**

**I'm sorry to say that in this reporter's opinion, women tend to encourage and promote vassal-don, be to king, queen or hive... subservience to the mighty and domination of the weak seems to be considered a reasonable trade. Men are not far behind in this department, accepting kings and queens but IMO men have a greater propensity for individual freedom, while women perhaps for practical reasons seem to prefer promises of security though it usually turns out to be false. The usual incarnations are income redistribution schemes that favor societal scammers and are advertised as protecting the meek... of which there's no such thing.**

**There's no such thing as 'meek' people that's an oxymoron, they're just downtrodden or biding their time.**

**A logical explanation would be that women are destined to inherit the earth but that's only the beginning of that discussion...**

**Our masters would have us believe they're helping the meek inherit the earth but they'll still hold the mortgage and a lien.**

**An indicator that there aren't as many meek as we think is slow drivers. They seem meek compared to speed demons, but if you're driving slow they become wolves and bullies too.**

**Regarding certain people we should worry less about protecting them from society then protecting us from them**

## **Messages**

**“Listen to my voice, it’s my disguise”... Plain White T's**

## **Messiahs**

**“Learned to fear Jesus in a small town”...John Mellencamp**

**I imagine he learned to love Jesus too...**

**IMO, he’s the greatest enigma in history...**

**You put me down for lack of faith etc. but I'm actually very much into Jesus, just happens to be the historical one, not the Santa Claus for grownup's one. That one may be real or he may have been ‘manufactured.’**

**I am a post-pre-Constantine Christian and allow myself to explore what was explored before the council of Nicaea.**

**Who do you follow Constantine or Christ?**

**CS Lewis’ famous quote that Jesus must be who he is or a crazy man has been popular for a long time. IMO there could be other options and as time goes by those options *may* appear viable to more and more people. For example; aliens, artificial insemination etc.... in other words, things other than traditional dogma... or Lewis could be right.**

**I like his message of love although I don't think it's unconditional by any stretch. I don't like the part about about ‘giving away the farm’ or eternal damnation for those who don't join the team. I don't have inside information and he “did” so do your own due diligence and if convinced you’d better join his team. The people I respect most; Jefferson, Adams, Washington, Galileo, Copernicus and so many others seem to have had minds of their own, unlike the dangerous sheeple I see all around me. So to Mr. C.S. Lewis I say you presented us with two options and insisted we chose one or the other... I say take a hike there may be more.**

**Jesus? IMO the most famous and influential person in history and maybe the Son of God or God Himself...**

**The ‘Jesus’ ossuary boxes if they’re real include a whole family; mother, son, wife and brother... hmmm.**

The 'narrative' usually revolves around an 'ultimate personality' with super powers and a message that his or her followers will be eternally blessed, while 'non-compliants' will be damned. There are also secular cults in the fray, whose message is that the only hope for humanity is to embrace their ideology. Quite a stew!

Jesus set a great example and I can't think of anything he said that I strongly disagree with.. should we try to live up to his example? Why not! It should be voluntarily and for me not based on him being the God of the universe, because that I don't know.

I still wonder if he piggybacked off; the old testament and other thinkers of his time not to mention Mithras and other cults.

Did the ancients say, "thank you; Zeus, Mithra, Apollo etc., and did they have personal relationships? Why did those 'Gods' disappear?

Mr. Lewis says we must decide... Mr Lewis can shove it. I'm not sure we must, nor am I sure that the two choices he presents are the only ones. Seems to me to be the same old pressure and scare tactics... just saying. There might be lots of other choices, lots of other explanations other than that Jesus is God of the universe or crazy...nice try Clive.

I sometimes pray to him and occasionally worship him but usually think he's the historical Jesus, which means I seldom think he's who the fundamentalists say he is. That leaves me on the fence along with a few other guys who'd like to see the nail marks in his hands etc. Like the much derided doubting Thomas and others who are more respected like Thomas Jefferson, I'd love to know the truth but think it's more likely to come from archaeologists than evangelists...

If you're trying to become a messianic figure it's helpful to get yourself and perhaps those around you killed... if you 'just' hope to make the world 'a better place', then not so much. In the latter case you can opt for the Copernican model, which may allow you to succeed in making a contribution with minimal damage to yourself and those around you... maybe.

I believe there is power in the name of Jesus and don't know what the mechanism but am skeptical of what the church says. Is it psychological, is it similar to the power of cults that surrounded ancient Greek and Roman gods? I don't believe that he created the world in seven days, I think God created the world over billions of years and by natural processes. I believe in the historical Jesus and I'm skeptical of the magical one written about in the Bible... so I guess the church would not call me a Christian.

Just saying I'm skeptical of a scenario where Jesus came to earth about 10,000 years ago and created the world, the oceans, the mountains, the animals and Adam and Eve. Seems more plausible to me that he was a rabbi/holy man who 'improved' and built upon the traditional beliefs of his ancestors and his beliefs were proliferated and 'expounded' upon

by his followers, especially Saul/Paul. Do you have to speak in tongues, and/or do this, that and the other thing or burn in hell? It seems to me a bizarre scenario that I'm not qualified to understand but I think everyone's allowed to have an opinion...

I believe in a historical Jesus who is somewhere in between with the Jews and Romans thought of him and what his followers thought of him. I think he was a man, not the God of the universe and not the God of this planet, which many of his followers would have us believe is only 10,000 years. Despite my doubts, I don't renounce my baptism in his name, or my asking him to be my savior. Most of his followers will say well that's all in vain and heresy ...whatever, I'll take Galileo, Copernicus and the founding fathers over his hard-core followers any day.

I asked Jesus to be my savior and was baptized but don't believe the earth's 10,000 years old, believe in evolution and don't speak in tongues, so more Christians think I'm going to hell than heaven... can't worry about pleasing people.

I'm very interested in the historical Christ not the Constantine Christ and wonder if Constantine was a Christian or a criminal?

"And Jesus, he wants to go to Venus Leave Levon far behind"... Elton John (Bernie Taupin)

## **Middle East**

"Oh-oh come take my hand. We're riding out tonight to case the promised land"... Bruce Springsteen

Don't worry, it will progress to the ultimate disaster... then what?

I'd be wrong now (11/18/15) to say don't consider sending ground troops but I think years ago it wasn't wrong to say leave the Middle East to their own devices. So send ground troops if you want, I will support the troops more than ever but still don't know if it's the right thing to do and still wonder WWJD & WWWD? That's more important than WWOD or WWBD do etc. This powder keg may have been inevitable no matter what since they say 'it is written' and end of the world as we know it may be nigh but I still wonder is it the doing of man or God?

Regarding terrorists like ISIS and Al Qaeda, the latest mantras are 'focus on defeating their ideology' and of course drop bombs. Any discussion of root causes other than the usual 'they hate freedom', 'they're jealous', 'they need jobs' etc. is that still a nonstarter. The occupation and conquest of Palestine initiated by Lord Balfour, rubber stamped by the UN and supported financially and unequivocally by the US is not 'worth debating' ...in fact to suggest otherwise is 'traitorous.'

Is 'blessing Israel' the same as rubberstamping everything they do? Maybe...

The Middle East? Everybody there *misbehaves* and to some degree's a *bad actor* except us and our *main ally* of course. I don't think we ever should've ever stepped foot there except maybe to trade goods and try to set a good example. Instead we've been involved for oil and religion (we won't admit it), but I'm told it's meant to be so we will see what happens.

Maybe as the pundits say terrorism's because they hate us or maybe it's for other reasons which I won't get into because it's a third rail. The Arabs I know seem as loving and kind as the Americans I know... do they have me fooled? I know what the Bible says about the offspring of Ishmael and it's not very nice but is it true? Desert dwelling people needed water to survive and it was in very short supply for the most part. This could lead to conservation, cooperation and particularly nasty responses to water thieves, leading to the evolution of people who could be very hospitable or terribly brutal...

Everyone seems to have me pegged and sometimes it's not very nice... I don't have anyone pegged but if I say I have understand them to some extent I'm overstepping my bounds.

Was the invasion of Iraq a good idea? I'm not particularly qualified to say but I do have an opinion and the right to express it. That's what I like about this place... let's keep it that way!

Everything in the Middle East was going along swimmingly, a few countries; stoned gays and adulteresses, mutilated women's genitals, lopped off the occasional head as well as thieving hands. Then Israel came along and got them all in a huff. The slow progress that some had been making towards being more "civilized" gradually ground to a halt and was replaced with fundamentalism, retrenchment and conspiracy theories about Israel controlling America. At the same in America fundamentalism began its ascent and mainline Protestant churches declined in membership. The gloves came off and the religious war soon followed... just my take.

I'm not saying Israel is wrong, I'm saying they can do wrong, which according to many Americans is an impossibility, at least regarding their 'relations' with the Palestinians and their Arab neighbors. In the final 'it is written' segment of history, my friends descendants may change their tune... to the detriment of the Jewish state. According to Hal, Dr. David and the rest, the Jews may ultimately be given the chance to convert and if they don't... look out below. My question is who will be the villains if there is violence against the Jews and 2/3 of them die... Christians, Muslims, King of the North, King of the East, someone else? I hope that God forbids it to happen at all and wonder if the prophecies are written in stone or in erasable ink...

As usual there's appalling behavior on all sides leading to the question, 'what came first the chicken or the egg' and the answer might be - it don't matter...

I hear people say they would willingly take their guns and go fight for Israel... someday will their descendants say they would willingly take their guns and go fight Israel? I'm not a savvy enough student of prophecy to know if this is in the cards or not... but Hal says a whole bunch of them get killed. Maybe it's the Arabs, Chinese or some other 'bad guys' that will be responsible if Hal is right... but I didn't hear him specify who would commit such a crime.

Donald Trump wants a wall on our southern border and points out what a good thing the Israel wall is. The difference is that Israel took Palestinian land 50 years ago, while we took the land from Mexico 170 years ago. Does it make a difference? You tell me. It's irrelevant to the Palestinians and the Mexicans... they just want "their land" back and as usual 'might makes right.'

I have to admit the possibility that the Jews are the chosen people... but I'm skeptical of that and even more skeptical that Aryans or anyone else is the master race.

In the Middle East maybe we should've left lying sleeping dogs lie, or maybe it was a hornets nest that needed to be cleaned out. Maybe what's happening in 2015 is inevitable because of prophecy, or maybe it was inevitable because the universe does not like such an atrocious, intolerant, religious/cultural system that does things like female genital-mutilation, beheadings, murder etc. etc.

Those who might be profiled, should realize that fighting against common sense profiling could result in greater problems like; internment camps, deportation or vigilantes.

"You have three religions emanating from the middle east, each thinks it has the final say in the world events and they can't be reconciled"... Professor Wray

## **Military Industrial complex**

"Hear the dogs howling out of key, to a hymn called "Faith and Misery"... the company lost the war today"... Green Day

Some say any weapon made is eventually used so don't make it. The problem is somebody else will make and use it against you, so either make one or develop an ironclad defense. Weapons are mostly steel and other metals so maybe they serve as deterrents, not be fired in anger and eventually recycled into peaceful items. The monkey wrench is greed and agendas, which lead to weapons being used irresponsibly and offensively.

We're being encouraged to do what they did. Give up our arms and not having a powerful defensive military industrial complex. If the enslaved Africans and the American Indians

had powerful MIC's they may not have been crushed by westerners. Meanwhile we are putting our eggs in the basket of people who would like very much for us to be defanged. They think we 'have it coming' and if we don't smarten up they'll be right and we'll be doomed... they believe it's their turn to be powerful and our turn to 'pay the price.' They will be no fairer to us than our ancestors were to theirs. History is full of tragedies but we didn't commit those crimes and they didn't suffer from them. Reparations and people being punished for the sins of their ancestors isn't unusual in human history but it's worth preparing to defend yourselves from those who say, 'what goes around comes around' to the n'th generation...prepare for the worst brothers and sisters.

We embargo, sanction and sell arms and I assume sometimes this is justifiable and other times not. It's sometimes done for special-interests of various persuasions and my criticism is that we set the bar too low for our foreign policies. We're may be the *greatest nation* of all time but whether not we're the most benevolent is debatable at least in my mind. Maybe we set the bar too low because the nations we oppose seem to have buried the bar. Anyway, WWJD, George Washington and Abe Lincoln do? Instead of setting a great example we set good or a bad examples... meanwhile I'm just a Monday morning quarterback analyzing the analyzers.

Remote guided armed drones, 80 feet long carrying multiple weapons payloads... will they be used defensively or pre-emptively and will that be for the good of all American's or to further the narrow objectives of special interest groups? Eventually our 'inventions' are obtained by enemies and our pre-emptive special interest group foreign policies encourage them to be pointed in our direction.

"We all know that weakness invites aggression"...Michael McCaul

## **Militias**

"Just find a place to make your stand and take it easy"...The Eagles

Like it or not we need dangerous men, we also need them to be responsible, hopefully they won't be co-opted or on the special interests' payroll.

## **Miracles**

Are miracles sleight-of-hand, chemistry or something from God?



## **Moderation, Willpower and Delayed Gratification**

Since cutting back on desserts and saving them for birthdays and other special occasions, I've lost a few pounds. I've also noticed that I have a little more willpower and seem able to cut down on serving sizes a bit. In the morning I don't necessarily finish my bowl of cereal and can eat just enough to soak up my coffee, which I'm also trying to cut down on.

It really helps to have a little bit of willpower and everybody does... use it, leverage it nourish and develop it.

Delayed gratification self-control and willpower... if you muster even a little you can leverage them to great effect, if not you're in trouble. We need them for everything from relationships to business.

## **Money and wealth...**

"People don't turn down money it's what separates us from the animals"... Jerry

Jan 22, 2016 Oxfam says the 62 richest people in the world hold more wealth than the bottom half of the world's population, which would mean those 62 people are wealthier than 3.7 billion people combined. This announced on CNBC as they interviewed Bill Gates... he did his best to make it all go away☺

I don't mind people being Uber Rich, what I mind is an aristocracy aka a princely class created by the Uber Rich passing their wealth to their scions. Let them live in a society where they can do that... I'll try to find one where they can't. Let them spoil their kids, not society's.

Your goal shouldn't be gold but don't forget...for some reason those words are very similar.

What are you going to do with that windfall? Pay down debt and keep enough for an emergency fund but keep working so you don't have to use it.

## **Mother Nature**

**My Mom loves her parrots, but I've no interest in birds that can crack a walnut shell and bite visitors with no mechanism for 'correction.'**

**I don't think we should eliminate diversity of life on the planet in favor of ending up with billions of humans and Labradoodles. We need; whales, sharks, grizzly bears and the planets original diversity as much as possible. I'm not in favor of bringing back the dinosaurs but I think we should *take our chances* when it comes to getting rid of the peskier bugs out there and as far as eating animals, I vote for harvesting and husbanding them humanely and sustainably... which doesn't rule out hunting.**

**Gentlemen... every step of the way mother nature's messing with you just like your wife, and women every step of the way father time's messing with you just like your husband.**

**Ever since the lion laid down with the lamb, the cheetahs have grown fat and the activist have put them on a diet.**

**As I walk the hood, even the ground conspires against us with ruts and potholes trying to break my ankles... it's one of Mother Nature's many self-limiting mechanisms to control the population.**

**We've got 7 billion humans and 7,000 Tigers left on this planet I think we should cut the cats some slack...**

## **Mighty Morels**

### **Music**

**"If it were easy as fishin', you could be a musician**

**If you could make sounds loud or mellow**

**Get a second-hand guitar, chances are you'll go far**

**If you get in with the right bunch of fellows"... BTO**

Just as Friday afternoon radio usually has the best music, Monday usually has the worst... it figures!

Have you ever listened to the music ladies like... what's going on?!

It's 5:18 Friday afternoon and the radio's playing some decent music... the weekend's finally here!

I don't listen to music so loud anymore, I mostly want it in the background not the foreground.

Is 'Living in the land down under', the greatest song of all time? You'd think so based on how many times they've played it this week.

My car's CD player doesn't work so I use poor man's Pandora a.k.a. the scan button. If after going through my presets there's no music or talk that's 'worth listening to' I hit the scan button. Sometimes I'm pleasantly surprised and sometimes I turn the radio and enjoy the sounds of silence.

There are very few songs I like the first time, I have to hear them a few times before they *sink in*... when they come across radio the very first time they don't *register*.

Favorite voices today in no particular order; Cornell, Plant, Veder, Morrison, Jager, Adele, Celine D and Taylor S.

How can it be that I haven't heard *My Sharona* in five years, then I hear it three times in the last month and a half?

Don't worry there's a fresh crop of good songs pretty girls and each year ☺

Sometimes it seems that they're going on the theory that if your choir's louder than the other one, your church must be the best...

I count distance in songs and right now Trafalgar's two from here.

"I see you sent my letters back and my LP records and they're all cracked"... The Police

"They don't give a damn about any trumpet playing band, it's not what they call rock 'n' roll"... Dire Straits

## **Near Death and Death**

**“The gate is straight deep and wide, break on through to the other side,  
break on through to the other side, break on through, break on through  
break on through, break on through”... Doors**

**Sooner or later in one form or another we all get hit by a bus but don't worry, there's a  
good song coming on the radio... listen and enjoy☺**

## **New World Order**

**To those who want to pull societies strings, good luck... not.**

**The problem is they're the movers and shakers and if we're couch potatoes they'll eat us...  
with a dab of sour cream**

**Just as society doesn't let those who inherit nothing live in abject poverty, it shouldn't let  
people live like princes because they've inherited great wealth.**

**Way to go meddling NWO and celebrity sidekicks, you agitated for invading tribes  
probably originally from; Chad, Central African Republic and the 'DR' Congo to take  
over South Sudan because the historical rulers from the north were so bad. They were  
brutal but in part they may have been trying to hold on to territory that was being  
inundated for decades by the aforementioned Dinkas? etc. Now the newly formed nation of  
“South Sudan” has eclipsed the former northern overlords acts of brutality and you have  
succeeded in making a terrible situation even worse.**

## **News**

### **NO! (Just say...)**

## **Nukes**

**“I made one great mistake in my life — when I signed the letter to President Roosevelt  
recommending that atom bombs be made but there was some justification — the danger  
that the Germans would make them”... Albert Einstein**

**The Nuclear deal with Iran is being implemented in Jan. 2016. The Obama camp say it's deserving of a Nobel peace prize but the conservatives say it's a huge failure. If it falls apart who's fault will it be? Will it be due to Iranian lies and their leader's prophetic views, our prophetic vision of the word or a combination? In either case, everyone will blame everyone else.**

**Trump might destroy the world by having access to nuclear codes and that's a terrible risk but Hillary could destroy the world 'as we know it' by stacking the court etc. ... not to mention that she's as likely to do the wrong things with those codes as the Donald. Ergo my recommendation to have a rotating presidency instead of an all-powerful one, although that system may fail if and when we need a split second decision about nuking someone... God forbid.**

**I'm for being like Switzerland; neutral, with a citizen militia but without mistakes like hiding Nazi assets. Sadly I also think it's necessary to have nukes or whatever weapons are necessary in the future to maintain a highly effective deterrent against attack... by anyone, even the 'good guys.'**

**While watching, "The Day the Bomb Dropped", again I think the central theme of human history has been 'man's inhumanity towards man', not 'love thy brother.' Maybe God loves us but people are willing to nuke, firebomb, shot or bayonet each other to get their way. I may not be 'well qualified' to second-guess Harry the habedasher but it seems to me that someone's desire for the unconditional surrender of Japan and perhaps to scare Russia, outweighed our country's humanity towards Japanese civilians. Would we really have had to send a million man army into Japan to secure their surrender and curb their rampant militarism? Were they or weren't they suing for peace anyway and was it really necessary to kill over 100,000 civilians in a matter of seconds with two bombs? Just wondering WWJB?**

**"It's all over and I'm standin' pretty**

**In the dust that was a city**

**If I could find a souvenir**

**Just to prove the world was here"... Carlo Karges (Nena)**

## **Obligations, Favors and Gratitude**

Gratitude like humility is double sided or too faced, in other words on some level both sides realize there's usually strings attached...but can our gratitude towards God be different? I think yes but not always...

## **Occupied Government**

This is an occupied government not by one group but by many and there are others vying for their share of power and it's privileges. All contend to and intend to get their way at the expense of others, each thinks they're doing what's right and almost universally they abridge the intentions of the founding fathers.

## **Oil**

## **Opinions**

There are opinions and there are humble opinions... not!

We're not supposed to form opinions, they're already formed by the 'smart people' who take care of that for us.

For a variety of reasons the window for having one's own opinion may be closing and coming to an end, so I'm trying to get in as many as possible before it's too late☺

You read it... but did you vette it?

## **Opportunity**

## **Opt Out...Opt IN**

Diversity etc? IMO communities have the right to decide the amount and type they want but TPTB has determined they'll do it for us... thank you but I'm opting out.

## **Order... Chaos?**

## **Oxymoron's and Gobbledygook**

Is it an oxymoron to 'agree' that everyone's a sinner but believe that most of us are still decent people?

“Whatever kills me makes me stronger”... family guy

## **Paranormal**

## **Pascal's Wager**

## **Patriotism**

You say I'm a traitor if I don't buy from this auto maker or that device maker. Why should I follow those instructions when no matter who I buy from the owners are in it for themselves, their investors and other vested interests? I can't think of any company or country that's 'in it' for 'everyone' despite gobs of patriotic and mostly hypocritical idealistic rhetoric. Some of our 'masters' are better than others but be they on the left, or right, one religion, ethnicity or another, they have agendas that ultimately seem to include domination via ideology or religion and the willingness to lie, cheat and bomb to achieve their goals. Because of that will mostly but not exclusively look for the best deal. Most products are made of globally sourced parts, including those made by most of the so called most patriotic American companies... I've seen vendor lists and heard the back-stories.

U.S. workers are probably exploited less than most Asian workers but probably more than most EU workers and U.S. companies use cheap illegal immigrant labor and imported parts as much as they use "American" workers and U.S. made parts. U.S. companies are also owned by elitists who 'direct' our bombs and missiles to their destinations around the world at a higher rate than any country in history. I wonder if Jesus and George would be on board with the religious and ideological agendas behind our policies?

I believe our system's far better than some others and a little better than most others but not perfect enough to support it unconditionally. If it was more like what the founding fathers came up with except for slavery I'd be much more supportive but that ship has sailed and arguably been replaced by 1984 and the Brave New World. That being said, all things being equal I still buy American, so riddle me that!

**I'm against; nativism, jingoism, yellow journalism and ultra-nationalism... I'm also against the old and New World orders, the status quo, liberal media, religionism and the powers that be. So what's left? George, Ben and John for starters...**

## **Peace**

**“What's So Funny 'Bout, Peace, Love, and Understanding”...Nick Lowe/Elvis Costello & The Attractions**

**Cabals, moguls mandarins, megalomaniacs and charlatans... a recipe for disaster!**

**Just as a safe distance between high-voltage wires in a breaker box or powerlines is important to sparks or worse, a safe distance between explosive populations could result in less conflict between peoples.**

**If you have a different world view I can often accept or tolerate it, as long as you're not forcing it on me...and therein lies the rub.**

**If you don't like someone avoid them, don't intervene unless it's with; humanitarian assistance, safe zones/passage, help with peace negotiations or something along those lines... feeling superior enough to kill people and blow things up is wrong.**

**There should have some way for people to get along short of killing each other we and avoidance just might be it.**

**"If it's peace thee wants Jess ye won't get it chopping wood"... Friendly Persuasion**

## **Peer Pressure**

**“Ridicule is man's most potent weapon” ... Saul Alinsky**

**If you put pen to paper but don't get their approval, they call you a nut and your book a manifesto... the intent is to discredit anyone who disagrees with their paradigm.**

**The weaker one's team is, the more likely said person will speak in vagaries and riddles, or spout a party line that he doesn't really believe. Meanwhile those in the majority have the luxury to speak their mind more freely.**

**Problem is... you smoke pot or you didn't smoke pot, you do the 'wrong thing' for a living, you drink too much or drink too little, you vote wrong, hang out with the wrong people or**



maybe they just don't like your looks. In other words, people can always find a reason to be at odds with you...so why bother trying to make their "A" list?

Strange how we work so hard to satisfy the expectations of certain people, it's even stranger when they're people we rarely see! Their presence can be felt even when they're absent. These people criticize us when we differ from them and when we foolishly take their advice they still ridicule us...when will we learn not to let them figure in our lives?

Some people I care what they think and other's I could give a flying fuckarooskie...

"He can't be a man cause he doesn't smoke the same cigarettes as me"... The Stones

## **Philosophy**

"Ultimately, man should not ask what the meaning of his life is, but rather must recognize that it is he who is asked"... Viktor Frankl

## **Platform**

## **Police**

## **Political Correctness**

I can put up with the local customs as long as they don't involve things like rape, murder and beheadings.

I'm not consistently to the left or to the right of the 'leading' pundits and personalities that's why it's called being unaffiliated... aka not a camp follower.

You say don't take a picture of him because he's homeless, her cause she's pretty or him cause he's a vet... In other words don't take pictures of anyone interesting... just take pictures of the landscaping at McD's as you drive through for a burg.

## **Politics**

"Never underestimate a man who overestimates himself"... Warren Buffet

'Politics is a marathon and no politician is confined to their local ground'...Erdodgan

**"All politics is local"...Tip O'Neil**

**It's election time and my Facebook friends and acquaintances are voicing their opinions, *left and right*. I wonder what George and Ben would have to say about it...maybe they'd like it but I think they'd still prefer the pub.**

**Civility yes...decorum, not so much.**

**I'm concerned about what's going on in the country and don't think Hillary would be good for it but no matter what time in history I was living I'd be concerned with our leaders. Certainly in ancient Rome I wouldn't like what went on, during the American revolution I hope I'd follow George Washington and during the Civil War in hindsight I'd be reluctant to take sides... that's right reluctant. Side note; funny that our first pres. was named George as was our last king.**

**When it *comes down to it*, not only does everyone I now believe in 'politics by other means', people believe the end justifies the means whether we're talking individuals, societies or nations.**

**I agree with a lot of things Donald Trump says but still think he's a douche bag and probably won't vote for him. This because whatever's going to happen apparently is going to happen and super or sub-human efforts and Trump or whoever's leadership will not change anyway *if* God has predetermined our history... which I'm not sure I agree with but that's a moot point. At most, potential super human efforts *might* slow things down just like closing the borders to Muslims could slow terrorism down but probably won't stop it completely.**

**I'm not diametrically opposed to your agenda but I've enough differences that I sure as heck will resist...**

**We're probably one or two significant terrorist attacks away from the day when most American's decide to close the border to Muslims and round the rest up...currently most Americans are biting their tongues on the issue.**

**Whoever started the Democratic (aka Democrat) and Republican parties probably give a lot of thought to those names. IMO the Democratic party seems to be for pure democracy and the Republican party for preserving the republic but they seem to mostly evolved into slow democrats... perhaps by necessity as demographics change and De Tocqueville's observations become fact. Meanwhile back at (stealing) the farm, Bernie and Hillary pander by promising more income redist. and the Republicans maneuver to preserve their wealth.**

**The liberal pundit is shocked that Trump singled out a journalist at his rally and snapped at him. Her sanctimony isn't a surprise, it's a tactic... her democrat favorites aren't much different than Trump and both sides are wrong, not right.**

**Obama gave his last SOTUS last night, I watched a standup comedian instead... not out of disrespect, just prefer to see highlights later of the POTUS. What struck me was the elegant chambers more than what he said, his autograph signing at the end and the politicization of event by both sides. It is an important event and the POTUS said, America's the most powerful country in the world, which if true makes our legislative body a very important entity. But there are many other important legislative bodies around the world that also meet in elaborate rooms with fine wood and comfortable chairs. There have always been august groups of men and women debating, politicizing, planning and plotting and in the greater scheme of things our POTUS and congress may be blips... but their decisions can and should be calculated to make the world better for everyone, not just better for us or the high and mighty.**

**"Sometimes party loyalty demands too much"... JFK**

## **Poverty**

**"I've been stranded in the combat zone, I walked through Bedford Stuy alone"...Billy J.**

**Funny how some of the least Christian groups in America often adhere the closest to Jesus' teachings about giving to the poor, the caveat is they want to give your money to the poor and keep their tax loopholes intact.**

**The commercial on the radio repeats the mantra that, 'everyone deserves quality healthcare.' I quite agree but not on someone else's dime.**

**I'd rather tip than tithe and rather give money to those working than those welfaring. I wish society would distribute aid to those who serve instead of those who bilk. So go ahead and tithe your 10%, as long as you're not using OPM... I would rather tip at the 'appropriate' level .**

**I hope you do real fine... and unless disabled...do fine on your dime.**

**If I come across a man who's starving I'll feed him... but not for the rest of his life.**

**IMO Bogle just carried water... as successful as he and his generation of money managers were, they were just water boys. Reminds me of Brando's quote, "you're an errand boy for grocery store clerks!"**

If you're not going to let everyone go around making babies that the tax payer ends up supporting from cradle-to-grave then don't let anyone do it. Make the SOBs support their kids financially, or send them to work camps. If you won't then let's all do what they're doing and bring down the system completely. I don't want to see that happen but the alternative's their progeny taking over the world... and they will do it on your dime.

There are famous cases of men impregnating dozens of women and the tax payer can end up supporting their kids from cradle-to-grave. If we're not going to let every man do it, we shouldn't let ANY man do it. Make people support their kids financially, or send them 'to camp' and make them work. If not maybe we should all do what they're doing and bring down the system completely. I don't want to see that happen but the alternative is their progeny taking over the world... and they intend to do it on your dime. Caveat... ALL 'kinds' of people do it...

There's nothing wrong with giving people welfare if long term you're helping them and society, but if in the long run you're hurting them and society then it's a mistake and if it's somewhere in between then try to reach an equitable balance point.

## **Power**

In the competition for power not everyone's actually vying for it, some are just aligning themselves with the powerful or voting for them. It's as natural as drinking water and nothing wrong with it on those fairly rare occasions when the powerful do what's right.

I think I have a couple years left as a *silverback* and though I never quite made it to *apex* male it's okay with me but I'm not particularly looking forward to what comes next...

Hitler was a monster and wrong on many levels, one being that he wanted the German people not just to control their destiny but to control everyone's...he wanted to rule the world and unless Jesus is literally coming back to do that, it will always be wrong.

When one group relinquishes control of their lives or choices to another, is it because they're benevolent or just stupid... just wondering?

Mussolini's fate should be the universal one for vicious dictators, and a free press unencumbered by special interests should help prevent that scourge in the first place.

The rescission tree; Those who by virtue of outnumbering, outgunning or out banking others have ended up in the catbird seat often desire to dispossess others of the fruit of their labor etc. They start by ridiculing dismissing and marginalizing the other's position, and then trying to reason with them to join, submit, contribute etc. That doesn't always work because one person's reason may not jive with another's. The powerful move to

goad, guilting and eventually to the threat of force, which ends up with violation through violence... it's the rescission tree

## **Prayer**

I don't think all religions are necessarily created *equal* but I think they're all created by humans. On the radio Buddhist Korean Buddhists pray for the kids to do well in exams and claim their kids study harder and do better as a result. Their prayers seem to me like somewhat repetitive chants, which many Christians criticize as pagan non-sense but the repetitive chants remind me of the songs at church which can go on for many minutes, repeating the same lines, over and over again. I've counted the same line repeated at least 20 times... is that so different than the chanting of those you call heathens?

The remote didn't land in the water... thank you Lord!

I don't do a lot of praying for people because I don't think they want me to, you see I'm not their ilk... they might think I'd be doing them more harm than good.

Jesus if you're listening, give me advice and instructions if you want, make it clear what you think I should do... I am listening.

Thank you Lord the bag of celery didn't land on my toe. It's only salary but there were two whole stalks which together probably weighed a couple pounds... that would have left a mark on my bare toes ☺ God is good!

While cutting metal yesterday God may have spoke to me... sparks were flying and stung my eyes but didn't blind me... was it His way of saying reading glasses aren't safety glasses? Message received, now I need to heed it because many accidents are preceded by a warning we ignore.

Thank you Lord that I remembered to put the avocado on the counter, even though I forgot while walking from the garage to the kitchen...was that you who reminded me? If you don't mind could you please remind me to fill up before I run out of gas?

God please show me your face but please don't melt me in the process.

Lord let our family survive and grow, help me be the best leader and servant I can be... but not a slave or tool.

**“Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us” and “If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also”, from the Lord's prayer and Luke 6:29 are beautiful lines but how many of us do that well, or do that at all? Shouldn't we do better?**

**Sometimes I go back-and-forth between an expletives and a ‘Thank You Lord!’ in less time than it takes to say it...what the heck?**

## **Presidents of the United States**

**WWGW do? I'm not saying we should do would George Washington would do but I'm curious what he do about our current troubles; terrorism, immigration, Gay rights etc. He's the president and founding father I respect the most despite his imperfections and though many will say he's a relic and couldn't understand the current problems, I wish we could hear his opinion.**

**George Washington probably had it right when he recommended *no permanent foreign alliances*. Whether it's Turkey and Russia and our NATO obligations, Taiwan or anyone else we're *obligated* to defend, WWG say?**

**I admire George Washington for stating in his farewell address first thing that he wasn't for permanent foreign alliances and related entanglements, but wonder if he just wanted to save his powder for Indians, slaves and domestic malcontents? I'm probably reading into things too far, but George certainly didn't help the Indians or the slaves other than releasing his after the death of his wife.**

**They say Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address on a train on a scrap of paper. It was short, sweet and powerful. The ignorant SOBs trying to rule and ruin us now employ teams of speechwriters. They may not be idiots but they're beholden opportunists and mostly puppets as well.**

**Was Lincoln a great president? Was the Civil war necessary? Did 600,000 Americans need to die to end slavery and preserve the union? Would slavery have ended 10, 20 or 30 years later anyway and would it have been a crime to wait? Was the union worth saving at the cost of all those lives? Was the result the crushing of state's rights and the beginning of the superstate? Will the union last forever? It seems to me its best days are behind it... to say the least.**

**A cross between George Washington and John Adams, that's what I like. Washington was a great leader in war and peace who used force when necessary. Adams kept a cool head in the XYZ affair, stood up to the war mongers and signed a peace treaty with France. One was Episcopalian one Unitarian and neither wore their religion on his sleeve.**

**“A well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained in arms, is the best most natural defense of a free country” ...James Madison**

**The number, the industry, and the morality of the priesthood, and the devotion of the people have been manifestly increased by the total separation of the church from the state.**

**James Madison**

**The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe with blood for centuries.**

**James Madison**

**In no instance have... the churches been guardians of the liberties of the people.**

**James Madison**

**[www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/j/james\\_madison.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/j/james_madison.html)**

## **Pride**

While it's true that a close shave doesn't make you a better man, it can make you look the part.

## **Prison**

## **Productivity**

## **Progress**

## **Prophecy**

**“He who controls the present can alter the past”... George Orwell. Yes but what about the future?**

**What do the rabbis say about Isaiah 53 or whatever the verses are that reportedly prophesized the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus hundreds of years before it is said to have happened? How do they deal with prophecies in general that Christians say has been fulfilled?**

**Prophecy may very well be in the process of being fulfilled, I don't know but my friends do. At least some of them, others don't believe the reports. All I know is that I'm watching the news with; fear, trepidation, awe and bewilderment... that's a lot of stuff to be watching with☺**

**This may be developing into the biggest religious war of all times and now it's Judeo-Christianity against Islam. If Islam is defeated what if anything comes next? What happens to the Jews according to Christian or Jewish prophecy? If it's something awful, is it at the hands of; Muslims during this phase, Christians at a later phase or someone else? Only God and perhaps well-versed students of prophecy know the answer.**

**I don't know if Biblical prophecy has been fulfilled or not? What have the *investigations* into it proven or disproven and have the various investigative parties had an interest in the outcome of said investigation? What's going on now may be the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy but it sure seems like there's been a concerted effort on both sides to achieve certain prophesized outcomes. If one side wins through centuries of concerted effort they can say see we were right all along, and if the other side plays into their hands all the better! This isn't an attack on any religion, it's an observation about human nature, which from the beginning has been led by killer apes intent on power over the *situation*.**

**Do astrological charts apply to wildebeest and bugs and is it logical that on any given day 1/12th of the human race will have the same kind of day as per the newspaper's horoscope?**

**Whether it's Mideast wars, changing demographics in the U.S. or anything else, maybe it's meant to be... and maybe it's not.**

**Whether it's peak oil or Armageddon the; word smiths, prophets and prognosticators who coin and popularize such buzz words are often wrong for a while but they rarely recant completely. Why would they? Darn near everything happens in the long run.**

**There's always a 'king' of the north, east, south and west and if you make a habit of antagonizing your neighbors those kings, presidents or whoever are bound to retaliate...meanwhile back at the grotto, a bit of back of the envelope calculating could have told the prophet that the king of the east could eventually muster a 200 kk man army... or he could have actually have seen the future.**



**“I'm a traveler of both time and space  
To be where I have been  
To sit with elders of the gentle race  
This world has seldom seen  
They talk of days for which they sit and wait  
All will be revealed”... Led Zeppelin**

## **Quips**

**“Your feet are going to be on the ground, your head is there to move you around”...REM**

## **Quotes**

### **Rat Race**

### **Reason**

**Funny but your 'reason' doesn't equal mine and mine doesn't equal yours...we're different.  
Reason means different things to different people, the very word has different meanings.**

**You say I'm rationalizing and I say the same to you...are either us really rational, or just self-centered?**

## **Regrets**

**I've made my bed now I lay there... big deal☺ I was dealt a hand, I'm playing it, making a few bets and hoping for the best.**

## **Rejects, Miscellaneous and Unclassified**

### **Religion and the Sexes**

## **Religionism**

**“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself". Galatians 5:14 Funny how Christianity's message can be summed up in a line or expanded into volumes...**

**‘Organized religion’ - a perfectly logical human construct, designed to answer the great questions of life for those unwilling or unable to take the time and effort to seek, search and 'track down' the answers for themselves...if only that were possible ☺**

**I'm looking to hang with people with better things to do than say I'm going to hell unless I \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**So do good do, or at least don't do bad. Profess what you believe, pray for salvation and hope there's more in this world than the church teaches, ie. a God who burns people forever. They call that a just God and maybe it is, or maybe it's their own self-serving creation and the true God is 'just' in a way that don't understand. That they don't want you to read, research or evaluate other information and do your own research and call anything that challenges them satanic is 'telling', if their version can't hold up to a little scrutiny without twisting logic and physics, then what are we to think?**

**I generally don't tell people what I believe unless I want to get sad or mad looks and words...**

**Human beings have a penchant for taking credit for the good and blaming others for the bad, including in a sense taking credit for God. Few claim He's their 'invention' but they act like he is, sometimes take credit for His 'work', claiming they're on his side and he's on there's and blaming or punishing others who believe in 'something else'...and vice versa. Vice versa because people everywhere and from religion tend to act the same way although some are more extreme than others.**

**Whether in politics, religion, money or anything else... it's the 10th of 1% you have to watch out for, they're the meddling zealots who will do anything for their 'cause.' They firmly believe that the 'end justifies the means' and willingly act on that assumption, while most people only vote that way.**

**The church frequently talks about 'battle lines' and unfortunately they're often necessary but probably not for the reasons they promote. They seem intent on domination and conquest, spiritually and temporally...I accept battle lines for self-defense, not for imposing values and 'will' on others...religionists have no such compunctions.**

**One religion's like alcohol, it's been around forever, the other's like pot, showing up more recently. Just as there's an effort to legalize pot, there's an effort to mainstream Islam...**

**‘They’ say you have to be ‘for us or against us’, a time honored trick to divide and conquer. If I don't agree to support you, I'm a bad guy, maybe a heretic, maybe worse. There are a few instances of ‘with us or against us’ being valid, but in most cases there’s a middle ground which the rabble rousers and charlatans try to deny you.**

**When it comes to religionists I'd be content to survive amongst the belligerents and eventually escape their clutches but that's no small feat. They deserve a wide birth though their desire is to be smack in our face so they can save your soul... as they surely 'know it.'**

**When you combine religionism with human nature and the bell curve of diverse populations with slightly different character traits you create a cauldron and religionists fan the flames for the good of themselves, their group and their god, notice the small ‘g.’ They criticize each other’s way of praying, though it may have something to do with a populations character traits... what you call other religions repetitious prayers, remind me of your songs where lines are sometimes repeated dozens of times.**

**I can't think of anyone who isn't at least semi fanatical about something, but none are zealots for freedom and tolerance, instead it's always for one 'ism' or another.**

**Many Muslims think they'll go to hell if they don't support Jihad, many Christians think they'll go to hell if they don't support everything Israel does, so religionists from two great religions are de-facto at an impasse and in a simmering war. At least they've defined "the enemy" and after this pot boils over, who's next?**

**Science-ism also a form of religionist fundamentalism... just watch the science channel's 'experts' telling us exactly how the universe was formed... really Mr. scientist?**

**Science-ism is also a form of fundamentalism, just watched science channel's 'experts' telling us EXACTLY how the universe was formed... ... there’s nothing wrong with admitting it Mr. scientist, with all due respect, isn’t that your religion ☺**

**The deal is, you’re supposed to be given a chance to convert but if you don't respond ‘appropriately’ your life can be deemed meaningless and you can be dealt with accordingly...**

**One difference between Christianity and Islam is most Christians are willing to let people of other opinions *just go to hell* after death if they refuse their *invite*. My *impression* of Islam is that it may be more acceptable to hasten *non-believers* along. I don't think there’s been a brutal Christian theocracy for a long time and hopefully that’s out of their system forever. Modern so called Christian nations tend to maintain advanced militaries, just in case... while modern Islamic countries aren’t as militarily advanced but in age of WMD’s it may be a moot point...**

IMO the leading “Christian” nation(s) tend to think it’s their responsibility to *make things right* and slay monsters abroad... I don’t know if they like war too much, or if war is just more necessary than I think.

"Fundamentalism is always a tragedy. It is not religious, it lacks God, it is idolatrous"...Pope Francis

“Marcion of Pontus shame on your eraser”... Tertullian?

## **Religious War**

“In my name conquer”...Jesus (supposedly) to Constantine 312 AD

So who's turn is it to get blown up in the name of God today? ... Just wondering... can you say vicious cycle?

There are over 7 billion people in the world and there may be over a billion who donate to their religions regularly. I’m guessing that over a trillion dollars a year goes into the coffers of religions annually. Perhaps most of it is for ‘operating expenses’ but a sizeable amount may go towards agitating for dominance, which they would describe differently but IMO has led to religious wars and ultimately may lead to Armageddon.

You push we shove, you bomb we bomb. We’re all led by madmen raised by crazy mommas and stupid daddies. We’re the naked apes that Desmond wrote about and we’re all potential killers. We’re also loving and God-fearing with an inherent tendency to stick our noses in other people’s affairs. So unless this is all God’s plan and the outcome what the Bible says, it’s likely to be a continuation of mad, killer apes with opposable thumbs and powerful drives including; food, shelter, sex, territory and other human and animal desires.

There are clashes of religions and civilizations going on right now and whoever wins will write the ‘most popular’ history books. Their version will say they were heroic and the other side was evil or satanic... the truth most likely will be more nuanced.

Is it ironic or tragic that a Christian says, “if you’re not Christian your life is meaningless” and a Muslim says, “if you’re not Muslim your life is point-less.”

Without wars for domination between the leading religions, would there still be wars? IMO we’d still find things to fight over but there’d probably be less of them.

**Trump will tell his generals they have 30 days to formulate a strategy to defeat ISIS, but generals can't end this religious war. Maybe prophecy foretold it and maybe it's self-fulfilling but it's largely a war between billions of Christians and Muslims.**

**IMO religious bigotry crops up about equally in most religions but as far as I know, only a couple of them condone violence in order to spread and/or 'defend' their faith... in the religions that don't condone violence, there's still usually a cadre of 'holy warriors' prepared to commit violence anyway and the broader membership usually doesn't do much to stop it... other than a bit of disingenuous window dressing aka damage control for the purposes of PR.**

**Christianity is wonderful because it doesn't advocate conversion through violence like some other religions. Unfortunately Christians seem to condone it on occasion and have used violence for various and sundry reasons many times.**

## **Renting**

**"She be hollering about the front rent, but she ain't goin to get the back rent, she ain't getting none of it"... George Thorogood**

**Is it discrimination not to rent to people who think you owe them free rent, or is it learning from experience, I call it the latter.**

**What came first the slum lord or the slummer?**

**Is rent optional... aka it should be free as a form of 'reparations.'**

## **Respect**

**I will do my best to treat you with dignity and respect but not with kid gloves...**

**If somebody says they have to approve your last will and testament, and this is what it's going to say anyway don't abide unless the law says you absolutely have to...**

**I would like to be respected but that's up to other people. I can change this that and the other thing about myself and maybe get a little but to me at least, I think the list is too long... I'd have to change every little thing and for a few of them, even if I prostrate myself to them, their ideology and their theology, I'd still come up short. Moral of the story, I suppose I shouldn't worry about earning their respect... it's not worth it.**

I respect those who leverage the hand they're dealt whether it's good or not... those dealt a good one who accomplish nothing... hmmm.

## **Responsibility**

People take responsibility for their mistakes but don't mean it, or feel guilty about mistakes but don't take responsibility for them. These may be the extremes but they're also indicators that we're all human, self-centered and mistake prone.

Have you ever spent a whole bunch a time getting ready for something, trying to make everything perfect, shave, trim, scrub but somehow forget something major and embarrass yourself? That's what happened to me at the doctor's office today... oh well ☺

Everyone has problems...elevating anyone's above everyone's is a mistake.

## **Revolution, Evolution**

“Revolution is usually caused by lack of evolution”... Andrea Orcel

Jefferson said a rebellion every 20 years but I don't think he wasn't talking about violence, just reminding the PTB that they're not the boss, oxymoron that that is. If every 20 years you scrap the barnacles off the ship it'll keep sailing but it's been 200 some years since our revolution and the barnacles weigh a ton.

I'm guessing that my friends have all their eggs in this basket so maintaining the status quo is essential for a 'comfortable retirement.' Good luck with that, it very well may work out but I'm not on board the same barnacle encrusted ship. Everything from governments to religions are weighed down with centuries of barnacles and since nothing lasts forever, there must be reform or like all empires America will sink under its own weight or be sacked. Neutrality, a strong defense, non-interference, sticking to the founders principles, treating people fairly and not being controlled by special-interest are the principles I support but I'm told I'm a stupid man.

“I'll tip my hat to the new constitution  
Take a bow for the new revolution...  
then I'll get on my knees and pray  
we don't get fooled again” - The Who

## **Rome**

“What is Rome, Maximus?... Rome is the light... You have not seen what it has become”...  
Gladiator

The Romans were brought down by their 'state of the art' lead pipes and cups, will we be brought down by the hundreds chemicals that are supposedly improving our standard of living?

## **Routines**

### **Rumi**

“I pushed my soul in a deep dark hole and then I followed it in I watch myself crawling out as I was crawling in”...Mickey Newberry

## **SRSR aka Foundation for the rational study religion**

Foundation for Rational Existential Enquiry (FREE)

FRES (Foundation for Rational Existential Studies); Religion, Race, Politics, Geopolitics, Gender, Marriage, Economy, Finance, Etc.

You'd think the rational study of religion would easier than in the past due to advances in science and the long record of history and archaeology... IMO it's more important than ever.

Maybe the rational study of religion is an oxymoron but I don't think so. Or it may be far beyond us mere human's ability to reason... but some of us keep trying, respectfully I hope.

Could the prophets have seen the future through something that Einstein or modern physics might explain or can we only see back in time, as some 'experts' say.

Considering myself a loyal American according to the 1776 model more than the current one, and sensing that there's no turning back, I declare that there should be preparations made for a future colony in space. Said colony to be chartered in the manner that Plymouth and Jamestown colonies may have been established, via selling of shares and eventually the writing of a compact and/or constitution agreed upon by like minded individuals.

Frshr -

No master race

No chosen people

No state religion

Solicit donations from people and writers who share these views.

Collect enough for it to be self-sustaining. Offer writers the possibility that their writings will outlive them.

## **Russia**

"They are doing and to us as we are doing to them"... James Clapper

Whether it's a Grizzly or the *Russian bear*... weakness invites aggression.

## **Salvation**

If virginity till marriage is necessary for salvation and Godliness, then the majority of people are in trouble. Combine that with having to speak in tongues & nefarious & Sunday extra beliefs & no one gets to heaven but by the grace of God...of course!

## **Satisfaction**

"You laugh, you think, you cry... that's a heck of a day"... Jimmy Valvano

## **Second Amendment**

## **Secession**

## **Secrets**

"It's a little secret just the Robinson's affair... put it in your pantry with your cupcakes"...Simon and Garfunkle

A few reasons why I wrote what I did are that I mistakenly thought you were getting much of your advice from;



**‘Bats are evil aren’t they...’, ‘ well I think that’s what the Bible says.’ Really? Maybe creepy but evil?**

**snakes are evil... maybe dangerous but evil?**

**Close you windows to keep the evil spirits out... really?**

**If you’re not a Christian your life is meaningless... really? Not to mention that depending on what denomination you are your life might also be considered meaningless.**

**All that being said, I’m sorry that I upset and offended you... especially the part about surrogates.**

## **Selfishness**

**I know people who spend most of their time looking horses in the mouth and it’s not to see how old they are...**

**Why would someone voluntarily give the fruit of their many years of labor to a cause that’s contrary and diametrically opposed to their beliefs and world view, and why would the government make them do so?**

## **Shopping and the Mall**

**“And you may ask yourself how did I get here”...Talking heads**

**It's pretty bad when you have to look at the posters or walk the magazine aisle to see a pretty girl in a store... oops, I stand corrected ☺**

**There's comely and there's a comely face. Also discovered that if you want to pretty girls at Walmart look in the toy aisle... that's where the pretty mamas are.**

**Soma versus Victoria's Secret? I'll take Soma by a slim margin... Pink comes in third :) What I truly like are the real people walking by.**

**As I walk around I think, she could be here and that might be her... hmm.**

**The only thing I know about the Northface store is I had a down bag from there and a girl stole it...I deserved that but she didn't deserve ‘it.’**

## **Sitting on the Fence**

I'm not that smart but think there're times you have to pick sides but also think they're people trying to make us pick sides too many times and for the wrong reasons. Is the world only 10,000 years old? I doubt it but agree there's evil in the world that must be opposed... but who's to decide? As far as I'm concerned it's not those who say they have the patent on God, that the world's 10,000 years old, this is what you must believe and this is who you must fight... I also don't think it the butchers on the other side who have many of same beliefs and even more hate and demands. I've heard talk of a gentle race and of the meek inheriting the earth... if that means the steadfast and the peaceful, then I agree and have found a cause I can support.

If I'm going to lose my front teeth I'd rather it be fighting for something than at the hands of my CPAP machine...

Society has two problems; people with very low IQs who probably won't 'make it' in modern 'advanced' societies without some help. and people with high IQs who may use their smarts to take advantage of others. Therefore the majority of people who are 'in the middle' should be running the show. They need to curb the excesses of the super-smart's and help the low IQ'ers with a hand up but not handouts.

You can take the talk about; lukewarm, on the fence and spitting people out of mouths and file it somewhere, if you know what I mean... sure you've worried me a bit, but I'm not as concerned as I'm 'supposed to be.' It seems like you're trying to worry me to the point where I feel I've got to join your team and hate theirs... not likely.

"I will go down with this ship. And I won't put my hands up and surrender. There will be no white flag above my door"... Dido

## **Slander**

## **Smoking**

## **Social Engineering**

## **Society**

Most homogeneous societies become heterogeneous overtime. If started by a group that was fairly similar, 100's of years later they may have splintered into numerous competing if not waring groups. The Middle East is a historical example of this and the Western world might becoming the same. Countries like Japan that have 'valued' homogeneity are at the opposite side of the spectrum. Which is better? All I know is which one is more 'acceptable.'

IMO society is based on a quid pro quo but don't tell people that. QPQ's allow us to get past our greed and self-centeredness and cooperate with each other but we'd like to believe we cooperate for loftier reasons. Whether we're 'this or a that' and think we're doing good for 'this or for that', I think on some level we're doing it for some kind of reward... and that's not necessarily wrong.

I'd much rather help create a new society then destroy existing ones, even though some may benefit from massive overhauls...let others who have the stomach do it, I don't want all that blood on my hands.

## **Soldiers**

'The way of the warrior is the resolute acceptance of death'...Miyamoyo Musashi

I don't think anybody's meant to be cannon fodder and we certainly aren't born that way but if you go down a certain path it can seem one's only choice, no matter where in the world you live.

All 'we need to do', to get our country back is for the military and police to refuse to obey orders that are contrary to the 'original Constitution.' That may never happen because it can be amended and ours was amended and because the army and police have paymasters who will withhold paychecks if soldiers and police don't do their bidding, aka enforcing the badly amended constitution.. it's a very efficient system!

If every soldier in the world refuses to invade other countries there'd be no invasions but that's wishful thinking. There's also the 'fact' that there are countries that probably should be invaded in order to depose their rulers... but it's done too often and often used as a pretext for something else. This is much less a conundrum than an impossible dream... for now.

## **Sovereign Separation**

**Newmerica, Umerica, Youmerica, Eumerica... Umish Astronauts**

**Not a white supremacist or even a white separatist, I'm a sovereign separatist. Which to me means people have the right to take their property without excessive taxes and/or encumbrances imposed by the PTB good luck. I also think they should be able to form a society of their own somewhere else, perhaps in space based on whatever criteria they want without the PTB interfering... good luck!**

**Respecting human rights should mean not violating a trespasser but it shouldn't preclude a sovereign community from showing said person the door.**

**All should be treated equally none should receive special treatment... be it good or bad.**

**Is it true that we need to be a united country ruled by a federal superstate to be free people? Or does the superstate which is a pure but elitist manipulated democracy actually diminish our liberty? We're told that we would be too weak as sovereign states to maintain our independence but I wonder if the opposite is true. As that small rogue lunatic nation NK is showing, a few nukes are a pretty good deterrent against invasion, even by superpowers. So why couldn't small enlightened states insure the security of their people the same way? As much as I hate nukes, I hate enslavement by the elite, rich, special interests at least as much. That plus a Swiss type military and as much as possible neutrality could lead to a free prosperous state or colony.**

**Whether it's politics, cosmetic surgery, religion, the fruit of my labor or anything else and whether its family, friends or strangers... I care what they think but I'll do my darndest not to let them run my life... so far I'm running a dead heat at best.**

**Why don't I do more to advance my beliefs? Maybe I would if I had a constituency but I've never met another 'lily white' half-Egyptian, not even my brother and sister are that. I think they're out there but few, far between and not enough to start a movement... maybe I can find a more inclusive constituency... think I'll try ☺**

## **Space is the Place!**

**Freeus.us**

**'Liberate you... liberate us'**

Welcome to the 'infiniverse' Infiverse

The name New Plymouth... nice!

Swing back around every 300 years? ☺

KnewMerica... because we knew America.

When the Beatles or anyone else sing's, "Come Together", I think they mean via their worldview. It's still a power-play and even if they're supposed message is one of peace, the underlying message is that their worldview must prevail, or at least someone else's squelched or neutralized. This is the history of mankind and hopefully the vast expanse of space will allow these different views to coexist or at least not so frequently be at war.

Is it too much to ask that space be a place of religious tolerance? It depends on who you ask.

Some people could care less about the moral or immoral aspects of what they do, and the rest of us sometimes get mixed up. Who's going to run society in the future, the technocrat liberal California kids, or the 'slightly' less liberal Midwest kids? It will probably be the same diverse group that colonizes Mars. Freedom? Maybe that will come later... I hope.

Most people decide on 'affinity' based on color, religion, etc. others by who they marry and *join* that group by choice, duress or force of personality. One group favors the Constitution the other the Chairman's Little Red Book... as Sheldon says, "the Chinese sure know how to keep people in line."

You can have a civil war or a civil separation. In the Civil War northerners wouldn't wait for change so brother killed brother to the tune of 600,000 men. In the future maybe we'll go our separate ways instead of killing each other in the name of 'whatever.'

We have more problems so we have more laws, but what might be better is divergent communities with their own laws, along with respect for the laws of others. We can separate geographically instead of forcing one set of laws on three sets of people...someday space will be the place ☺

The freedom to freely move from one colony or state to another and be allowed to take ones assets is another is essential. This way if you're uncomfortable with the 'community standards' in one colony you up and leave. The marketplace will determine which colonies and which standards are most in demand...and for people who don't like it in those places their hopefully will be places where they fit in.

Some people want to be heroes and some are content to be pioneers, given the chance I think I'd be okay either way. How many people can you name who came over on the

Mayflower or who settled Jamestown? I don't think they tooted their horns as much as many of those who've gone down in history but who's major accomplishments were self-promotion.

A republic... not a pure democracy. The framers of the Constitution should lay out exceptions to the right to vote. Possibly; excessive recipients of welfare, violent criminals, tax evaders, foreign agents etc.

We find ourselves in the same predicament other pilgrims have been in. There's nowhere in our country where our constitutional rights will be protected much less respected by those in the cat bird seats. The government can't or won't and fellow citizens disagree vehemently enough to make certain lives miserable or dangerous. In one part of the country, state or town there are extreme conservatives, in other part extreme liberals. Being somewhere in the middle, unaffiliated and independent we are at the mercy of the vast majority whose abide by the dominant cult... we are outcasts.

What happens to a large; corporation, family business or estate when the owner dies and is limited to passing on \$1 million per 'true' child or legitimate heir? Good questions, maybe it should go to the employees of the company in some cases, or to a general fund for government including welfare only for the truly disabled. The aristocrats will say, fewer people will take the 'risk' to be entrepreneurs if they can't pass on their wealth and I say let's see, or if you can think of another way to prevent a princely class of hereditary aristocrats let us know. All I know is that this princely class will do whatever they can to make and/or keep their wealth in their family to the detriment of the rest of society. That's fine for America and any country that wants that, I prefer a society where hereditary scions do not run the show and see it as being possible in space if not on earth.

I love earth dearly, but would rather see a future where peaceful folk colonize space instead of staying to engage in genocidal wars...which doesn't preclude eventual return.

If they want to destroy their country it's a tragedy but we shouldn't participate, our help should be in the form of humanitarian aid and a negotiating venue.

Preemptive strikes are necessary at times but shouldn't be anyone's regular MO unless someone is actively making war against them.

The U.S.A. started as a relatively homogeneous society based on individual rights but terribly flawed by slavery and Indian genocide. Now it's multicultural and moving towards 'protecting' the various 'persecuted classes'... I'm for fresh starts, they should be as homogeneous or heterogeneous as the members like and the one I'd join would guarantee individual rights and be quite tolerant but have no protected classes.

I don't think there's anything wrong with having a hetero centric society, do you? Why?

**Are we alone in the universe because God knows that we can't get along with others? Is he giving us time to learn how to play in this sandbox before he allows us to mingle with others? I doubt it but if and when we do mingle, I hope we behave and I hope 'they' do too.**

**If an alien or antagonist infiltrates your land, send ten strong people to firmly but gently remove him or her to beyond your border. If his people want to send someone to 'negotiate' their person back that's fine but be sure they're unarmed and not intent on mischief. In both cases try to resolve things peacefully, be prepared for the worst but not trigger-happy.**

**In the future there might be constitutional conventions where people will debate and enshrine the by-laws of their proposed new colonies and communities. They may have to be held in secret because the PTB is unlikely to be in sympathy with who they may consider insurrectionists.**

**We may never be able to fully avoid people who we don't want to associate with, so it's good to get along but not to succumb to them.**

**Although I think people should be able to discriminate in the sense that they are allowed to form societies of like-minded or like looking people although I'm not personally for a society of like looking people. I think like-minded is better and would probably be a bell curve of ethnicities, probably with a cross-section of humanity but perhaps a little more like yourself than like society as a whole... and therein lies a rub. You automatically have ethnic minorities who feel underrepresented. That's where a strong, fair constitution must be in place and it must be enforced so you don't end up with good old boys, nannies or any other unfair power structure.**

**Having people who are mostly like-minded people and a firm, fair, difficult to change constitution it will help reduce problems. Space colonies should have the right to exclude groups that oppose their constitution and could be dangerous to the colonies survival. Such exclusions could be embedded in the constitution and even specify particular; ethnicities, religions or ideologies. This is of course illegal in the U.S. and not ideal anywhere but if specify mindsets such as intolerance, intrinsic superiority or entitlement exist in a group based on; religion, ethnicity, ideology, gender or anything else they should be excluded. Such groups should be avoided as far as living but if both groups want to trade perhaps that can be accomplished either on neutral ground or through intermediaries. The groups that you don't want to live amongst can stay on earth, or form their own space colonies but should not be allowed to infiltrate and agitate yours. When you cross paths with them you should be civil and humane but watch your back and not capitulate to their demands.**

**If your narrative doesn't fit in with narrative or their prophetic worldview they not only think you're wrong they think you're nuts and potentially dangerous. If you want to start**

a colony with like-minded people you're called a grandiose kook or even worse, I see it as nothing more than a valid alternative world view, nothing to be ashamed of but not something to necessarily advertise... yet.

A community of relatively like-minded individuals, united by a compact and eventually a constitution... Job one or two would be to create an 'AFree' zone... with an X% waiver at the community's discretion... not the 'applicant.'

You're criticized for not trying to change things for the better and criticized when you do try... that's life and nothing to lose sleep over. I'd rather focus on an independent colony instead of trying to change minds here, when most likely 99% of will never change, which of course is fine and everyone's right. My question is, will independent colonies be allowed by the *masters of the universe*? Probably not, unless they abide by the NOW's, which are their way of maintaining the status quo, order and economic growth...at least two of those objectives are admirable. Even if a separatist colony is weak and far more peaceful than they are, the NOW's argument (as if they need one☺) is that they have to keep the peace and sometimes that requires force. I think they're primarily interested in ensuring that their agenda prevails and that's a far cry from keeping the peace.

Strict and absolute separation of church and state... those who don't like it can go to another colony freely, taking their wealth and possessions and with them and immovable property can be freely sold without them being shafted. Potential immigrants must prove their worth and be vetted as much as possible regarding their peaceful intentions at their expense. Of course supply and demand will be a consideration and if a colony stinks, it will likely lose people and probably fail. This shouldn't be a; 'lost colony of Roanoke', welfare state, fascist state, dictatorship or kingdom. As much as possible it should be like the Founding Fathers intended America to be but without slavery, it should be a constitutional republic not a pure democracy.

What I perceive as the problem is that the powers that be want to co-op and combine everyone into one race, except maybe themselves. Other than the last three words which if true means their devious, amalgamation would be fine for those who do it voluntary and not via *social engineering*, or even okay via that if people are aware of it and decide they want in. On the other hand, a few people think that amalgamation, which has become a dirty word, potentially destroys European based bloodlines. The Africanization of America may be inevitable and desired by most Americans, so whether they've thought about it and agree, are just going with the flow or have been hoodwinked might be, or become academic in the long run. Dare I say look at President Obama... is he half white and half black or is he black?

In my opinion he's the latter and people who have a *pure* African black parent and a white European parent, look, act and identify as black. That's fine but if a few people like me are



not with the program, will they be the option of not being coerced or meddled with by the government if they want to form their own society at their own expense? I doubt very much they will have that natural right and will be 'encouraged' to be; assimilated, amalgamated and their blood line evaporated. I wish Africans and Africanized Americans well, I just don't want them to replace the people I love...

## **Spirituality**

**"Nothing to kill or die for no religion too"... John Lennon**

**Do our ideas come from within or from without? Are we fully autonomous or playthings for 'higher beings', are we conduits for their ideas or incubators of our own and how much does it matter?**

**Buildings can be rebuilt and the dead can live through their words... soldier on in peace.**

**"Seems to me you lived your life like a candle in the wind, never knowing who to turn to when the rain set it"... Bernie Taupin**

## **Sports and Extra-size**

**Our backs... can't live with them can't live without them.**

**Funny how we name our teams and muscle cars after vanquished enemies... Rebels, Redskins, etc... so who's next?**

**Just occurred to me...if I eat celery instead of cashew butter I won't need to exercise today!**

**Before your back goes out you may have a split-second grace-period to 'counter act' the straw before it breaks the camel's back. It's worth sacrificing your designer faucet, shelf or whatever since they can be repaired but your back may be unrepairable, or in pain for weeks if you hurt it.**

**How great would it be for medical science to get those para Olympians the missing bottom halves of their bodies... they look like a deserving bunch!**

**Every 'unsupported' bend or lift no matter how small, exposes us to possible injury via the last straw theory...be it a coffee mug, or a nothing...lend support.**

**Correct me if I am wrong but IMO you've advised by the man upstairs to be a; dealmaker, and manager, not a laborer. Some backs can withstand constant lifting for years, ours**

can't. Use it in a controlled manner and it will serve you well, demand too much and it will blow out...you may be very strong but your Achilles' heel is your back.

“Ride faster, get your heart rate up or it's not worth it.” I only have so many beats left and don't want to waste them...If I'm too winded to sing while I ride, then I'm going too fast☺

Fishing, gambling and golf are three things I don't 'get'... but fishing I'll do.

I'm getting older and my body may not be as excited about lifting weights and getting in shape as my mind is. My body knows how to stop me, all it has to do is twist my knee or back and I'll be sidelined for a month. It wants a say in the matter, knows my weak spots better than anyone and may have decided that it'll be the couch not the bench ☺

Though many a sack has done it too, the saying specifies a straw as breaking the camel's back... yup.

I'm loving it! Walking at the mall's better than Walmart and a heck of a lot better than outside where you; get wet, freeze, breath weed and feed, dodge cars and twist ankles. Not to mention scenery at the mall's not too shabby either☺

A dear old friend is wasting her 'bends' on lucky pennies and ball point pens... backs are fragile, for goodness sakes save them for something else ☺

Sincerely, Ken O. Eldib President GTC Indpls, IN Phone: 317-442-0137 Sent from my iPhone=

## **Stereotypes**

Interesting that two of the main protagonists in World War II, Hitler and Churchill were according to *some sources* part Jewish. Churchill's mother *may* have been part Jewish as was possibly Hitler's father. The evidence is not clear but that doesn't prevent me from asking was this a case of a Son of Light versus a Son of Darkness?

## **Stress**

“It's not having what you want. It's wanting what you've got”... Sheryl Crow

At first I thought Sheryl's quote was silly but then thought about it in terms of the rat race we're in. People are driving past me like their crazy to get where they're going and a lot of it's so that one way or another they can 'get ahead in life.' Getting ahead often seems to mean getting stuff... stuff that rusts, breaks, rots or ends up in the garbage. It seems to me that most of this getting what we want and getting ahead does little for us except make us

work like ants. On the other hand it makes the rich, richer and the super-rich more in control. We're left on a treadmill frantically running in place like gerbils, thinking we're going to be rich too but we mostly spend our time, making and buying the junk they convince us we need and they go one living meaningless, extravagant lives and doing their best to perpetuate their wealth to the next generation... so what else is new in the zoo?

Just as I was thinking about the rough day my friend was having with the stomach flu, I saw a coyote literally splattered to pieces on the side of the road, being eaten by crows... now that's a bad day!

## **Success (Failure)**

"Don't confuse effort with results"... Tom Barrack

I agree we shouldn't mistake effort for results but for a variety of reasons we should take it into consideration...

Whether looking for a job or a mate you need skills not anti-skills.

We're exposed to a lot of smart people and a lot of stupid people in life. Whose examples will you follow? Hopefully it will be the smart ones although we can learn a few things from the stupid ones too...

Not everyone can be the President but there's nothing wrong with trying... there's also nothing wrong with trying for something less... just don't settle for doing squat.

I *humbly* offer my take on an ancient Biblical quote, "ask or you won't receive."

Most of the accidents and misfortunes in my life have been due to my own; stupidity, foolishness or haste

Every once in a while I accidentally do something right... that's what I like ☺

It's not unusual for people to get what they want by hook, crook or hard work or for others to take it from them the same way.

You can do a good job at solving problems but if you take too long it's still not a success... because, like it or not time is money and margins are thin.

If your success is based on being so smart that you're "one step ahead" of everyone, you're likely to face major setbacks from time to time... what's wrong with cooperation and coexistence?

**Hope for the best and plan for it, not on it.**

**Losing my mind but it's okay, pretty sure I don't need it ☺**

**Another extremely important factor involved in success and I'm probably not supposed to say it, is IQ and it ranks right up there with other gifts such as athleticism and musicality. It's probably distributed about the same, with many people being gifted in these areas but only a few being off the chart.**

**If you have some self-control leverage it... if you don't then by God get some!**

**No matter what the problem, apply what you know, keep learning more and you might just lick it.**

**It's as important to be; cooperative, professional, responsive and communicative to your clients as to do a good job, if you do a great job but are a jerk, future business may go elsewhere.**

**If someone's convinced you you're a loser don't try to make amends or prove yourself to him. He's only in it to win it and everybody else is supposed to be his water boy.**

**If you're lucky enough to do something *notable* avoid the *big head* if you can, instead consider it a privilege that God or the universe is letting you carry water...**

**Make those 50 phone calls and you'll probably get some business out of it... mostly likely you'll get future business and the database you're starting will be invaluable.**

## **Superstition**

**"When you believe in things that you don't understand, Then you suffer, Superstition ain't the way"... Stevie Wonder**

**You can love people without letting them be your conscience and guide. Don't let their superstitions be passed on to you.**

## **Surveillance Nation**

**Whether it's surveillance or big data, 'right or wrong' usual depends on who's ox is being gored.**

Edward Snowden? I don't have a strong opinion and haven't followed the nitty-gritty details so why make a pronouncement? I have other fish to fry...nothing big, just other fish.

Talking with a friend about how by clicking on 'Agree' with his new cell phone carrier, he inadvertently agreed to a long list of incredibly intrusive privacy violations I wondered, have these always been going on under the auspices of the "devil made me do it?" Just now while heading up the stairs to send an email to a client and present several points while they're fresh in my mind, I started up the stairs but didn't see the receipts I had just set down. Is it my forgetfulness or the "devil aka bad aliens or whoever reading my mind and trying to make me screw up? Heck if Google's figured out how to track every move we make, what we're thinking of buying etc. via monitoring our clicks, etc. why couldn't malevolent aliens, i.e. the bad 'powers and principalities' of the Bible have been doing the same thing for millennia?

Then there're the occasions when Siri either edits or doesn't seem able to help me when I'm using voice 'wreck-ignition'... another case of the 'devil at work' or am I just in a bad cell... I think it's the latter but it's still an interesting, if minor *phenomenon*.

Of course you might say I'm just paranoid but I'm not taking it that seriously...just mulling it over, after all, I still can't seem to get arrested in this town ☺

## **Symbolism**

## **Taxes**

Under the connivance and direction of the PTB the inmates have taken over the asylum and it's been masterfully financed by conned taxpayers...

There should be a formula based tax system, preceded by first referendums. Voters decide what tax revenue should be spent on and people who want bells and whistles be it generous welfare or a massive peacetime military should be taxed more so these pork barrels are funded by those who want them, not by those who don't.

Many taxpayers aren't concerned that it costs an estimated \$ 12,000 per year to educate each child of each illegal immigrant and on average illegal immigrants have more children than non-illegals. That means an illegal immigrant family with two kids in school is receiving a \$ 24,000 subsidy at the hands of taxpayers per year. We're told that illegals pay taxes but the only one they pay for sure is the sales tax which is about 7% in most states, so for them to pay enough in sales tax 'just' to make up for their kids taxpayer funded

education, they'd have to purchase over \$ 300,000 in goods per year... and that doesn't even begin to account for other services they receive from the government.

There would be an uproar if Americans had to pay for the illegal aliens in 'real-time' money aka actually out of their pockets or deducted from their paychecks, instead of by money borrowed from China and paper money rolling off government printing presses. The ramifications will be in the future when this republic has flushed itself completely down the toilet and the grandchildren of the lazy, bread and circus crowd find themselves second class citizens in a third world country. The masters of the universe will as usual be laughing all the way to the bank as the minions they've imported from corrupt countries, institutionalize in this once great land the graft and corruption of their native lands.

## **Teamwork**

## **Technology**

Wow! My cell phone was almost killed by a falling pack of frozen fish!

When I called tech support there was so much feedback we couldn't communicate and I accidentally hung up... when I called back I got a genius who solved all my problems... thank you Lord! Ironically, or iconically when I called again later I was in limbo forever!

## **Terrorism**

"The world is basically divided into migraine headaches for the United States"...Aaron David Miller

Terrorism and tourism... what's the connection? Hmm... is it anything to do with \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Maybe polar opposites should live poles apart...

My Egyptian relatives probably support their governments reaction to the downing of the Russian Metro jet and my American friends support America's reaction. Geopolitics and terrorism are not immune from the team mentality, in this case religious and nationalistic, not to mention the tourism money that Egypt relies on. In this case I think Americans have only a Chihuahua in the fight.

We've seen terrorists cross EU borders and massacre people in Paris...there could be more to come, why not vette?

**Take cabals in the Middle East, moguls on Wall St. and Hollywood, religious and ideological zealots, an emerging Asian superpower with limited capitalist experience, mix in a dose of the European Union, revived Russian ambitions and billions of poor people in Africa and Latin America, stir the cauldron and you get quite a stew!**

## **Think Tanks**

**“When logic and proportion have fallen sloppy dead**

**And the white knight is talking backwards**

**And the red queen's off with her head**

**Remember what the dormouse said**

**Feed your head, feed your head”... Grace Slick**

**Nothing's really changed... they've always been talking backwards.**

**How can factcheck.com not have a bias and what makes them qualified to tell people who has a Pinocchio nose?**

**The show's sponsor was, The Foundation for a Better Life” and though they probably claim they mean for everyone, I still have to ask...a better life for who, how do you achieve it and who pays? My guess is they mean a better life per their prescription and it's on someone else's dime.**

**I will not by choice to be anyone's; minion, rubberstamp, or poodle...If you're going to wear yourself out, do it for what you believe in, not for someone else's agenda or glory. I realize that's not always possible because we have bills to pay but do your best!**

**The pundit keeps call Trump a sociopath but I think The American Psychological Association considers anybody who challenges their agenda a sociopath. There prerequisite for being *normal* is being politically correct, per their prescription. After all, as far as they're concerned, they're the keepers of the paradigm.**

**No matter who you listen to if it's just one source you're being strongly influenced by their agenda. If you listen to 10 different sources you get lots of opinions and maybe you'll be confused but you'll be less likely to be misled by an individual agenda. If however you're convinced that one leader or 'camp' has the answer then power to you but please don't impose it on the rest of us... chances are that agenda's been around for a long, long time and eventually will smell as bad as the rest of them and treat you no better.**

IMO people in the ivory towers aren't murderers they're murderous, leaving the dirty work to errand boys. This applies to liberal and conservative silver-spooners and to those much acclaimed self-made millionaires. The only difference between them and the rest of the people with 'iron clad beliefs' is that they have the means to achieve the almost universal belief in 'the ends justify the means' and that violence is necessary when diplomacy fails.

The 'Carnegie Endowment for International Peace' calls itself 'The Global Think Tank.' I suspect that like other 'tanks' they're for peace on their member's terms. Everyone seems to be for peace as long as it favors themselves... and therein lies the long-standing rub.

### **Third Rails, Taboos and Things We 'Shouldn't Talk About'**

I don't want to live amongst certain people for various reasons such as my lack of competitiveness etc.

I don't pray that much to Jesus, I mostly pray to God/our Father in heaven. I don't even talk to Jesus that much, I mostly just wonder about him, wonder about him... wonder about him.

Typically Christians aren't as violent in the pursuit of their commission as Muslims but they have supported Israel almost unconditionally in its conquest and expansion into the West Bank etc. If this is truly God's will then so be it, if it's not then the many billions of dollars in weapons, R & D and other support we've given the Jewish state may be a mistake. The justification that Israel is our only democratic ally in the region may be justification enough or simply a red herring. Time will tell who wins and maybe who's been right all along... God only knows but the religionists insist they have the scoop, right down to who will be destroyed and from what I've heard them say, it's not just Muslims.

### **Time**

"May your past be the sound, of your feet upon the ground"...Fun

I know a lot of people who never get anything done because they talk so much. I know a few people who talk little, get things done and their 'problem's' figuring out what to do with all their spare time....

Things that happened years ago are starting to seem like yesterday...I can see why in the Bible time can seem so 'strange.'



## **Tolerance**

I'm not for a religious test, I'm for a religious tolerance test accompanied by a daily 'lie detector' but that's impossible... & un-passible?

I'm not trying to have the last laugh, get even or dominant how about you I just want to be free... liberate you liberate 'we.'

Being open minded doesn't mean always coming to the same conclusion as those 'in the know.' It just means you're willing to consider both sides of an argument.

## **Torture**

### **Tradition (Trapped by)**

### **Trains, Planes and Subway Cars**

The squished 'giant' in the middle seat across the aisle is enduring conditions counter to the Geneva conventions... but such is modern flight. On the subject of modern flight, it's 2016 and we're in a McDonnell Douglas MD-80's, the last of which was manufactured in 1998...hmm, way to go the Allegiant. They're in-flight magazine says the majority of their planes are McDonnell Douglas MD-80's... a minimum of 18 years old is pretty old.

We're in the air now so everyone switches from Facebook to real books or takes a nap... I wonder what's the ratio of self-help to fiction and if the ratio's gender neutral.

## **Tranquility**

"I like hammering nails and speaking in tongues cause it doesn't remind me of anything"...  
AudioSlave

Want to get from the waiting room to your appointment? Start doing something on your phone for which you don't want to be interrupted and they'll call you right away!

## **Traveling...**

**“Most places are fit only for arrivals and departures and I like to do a lot of them”...**

**Rupert Venneker**

## **Tribes and Natives**

**“The time has come a fact’s a fact it belongs to them let’s give it back”... Midnight Oil**

**Really? With all due respect I disagree and have a few reasons in mind...**

**Some say we shouldn't of taken the land from the Indians, others say the Indians weren't working the land and needed to share it... I wonder if they feel the same about Bill Gates and the other mega-billionaires fortunes? Oh, yes Bill and company are sharing... Once again we're all just folks and it usually depends on whose ox is getting gored.**

**There are reportedly more than 500 Indian tribes in the USA...talk about fragmentation, talk about an obstacle to cohesiveness...**

## **Truth, Lies, Justice (show us the video!)**

**“Trying to take a picture of the sun, it won't help you to see the light”... Chris Cornell**

**“Too many churches and not enough truth Too many people and not enough eyes to see”...**

**The Guess Who**

**“I beg to dream and differ from the hollow lies. This is the dawning of the rest of our lives”...Green Day**

**I'm wrong as often as I'm right... et vous? ☺**

**Sometimes I'm pretty sure of something but rarely positive, you're really pretty sure, instead you're usually positive after all you claim a direct line to God... as in from his mouth to your ear.**

**We all want others punished for their cruelty or misdeeds but want a pass for ours. It the opposite of 'what's good for the goose, is good for the gander.'**

**Equal treatment under the law for everyone period... no protected and no persecuted classes... why not?**

**Those accusing others of lying may be the biggest liars of all but how can that be? It's easy.**

**Preachers like right wing 'talk show hosts' deal in the truth but also in rumors, half-truths and lies..., in other words both are rabble rousers. Meanwhile back at the farm, left wing pundits and 'scientists' real and pseudo, deal in sanctimonious, self-serving hypotheses.**

**You tell me what I should and must believe but IMO you're not particularly interested in the truth...just power and your inherent sense of superiority compels you to foist your beliefs on others.**

**Poetic justice? There's plenty of that to go around.**

**Being conservative with paper towels doesn't compensate for being liberal with lies... yikes!**

**Justice is difficult when those who can 'afford to' refuse to turn guilty loved ones over to the authorities and it's hard to do when those people mean the world to them and are their 'only hope.'**

**There are travesties of justice all the time and they should be corrected and stopped. They certainly happen more to the poor and minorities, so special efforts should be made that such people are protected but not by making them a protected class.**

**Every little key unlocks a lie... kudos to Chris Cornell, but I changed his line just a bit ☺**

**Whether it's Hillary, Trump, Noah's Ark, the shroud of Turin or anything in politics and religion, believers and sceptics preach to the choir and to the rest of us hoping to win the day and swell their ranks. Cooking the data's par for the course, no one's 'fair and balanced' and the BS slimes downhill because in this case only gravity's for real.**

**"You stop telling lies about me and I'll stop telling the truth about you"... unknown**

**"So, so you think you can tell...A smile from a veil?"... Pink Floyd**

**"The lie was in how I said it, not at all in what I said"... Brigid O'Shaughnessy (Maltese Falcon)**

**"I come from a boardwalk town where almost everything is tinged with a bit of fraud, so am I... by 20 already a member in good standing amongst those who 'lie' in service of the truth"... Bruce Springsteen**

## **TV and Media Matters**

**“Another packaged lie to keep us trapped in greed... red tape to keep the truth confined”... Muse**

**I just want the right to vote with my remote, which you're making harder and harder, by stacking the *choices* deck.**

**Sometimes I complain about my cable TV pixelating and blacking out...then I think back to the old days when vertical adjustment stunk and we had to play with rabbit ears.**

**I complain when my favorite shows aren't on and when they are on I complain about reruns and boring episodes ☺**

**I don't need to listen to Rush, Dana, Greg or anybody else cause tomorrow it'll all come out of someone else's mouth like it's the gospel. Another reason is that they're almost purely propaganda, whereas NPR is 'only' mostly propaganda but also has some interesting and informative programs. IMO the conservative stations provide virtually nothing but diatribes and that sort of thing.**

**The right wing talk show hosts sound hateful and sarcastic compared to the smooth talking liberals on NPR etc, but behind their façade they are probably just as cruel and determined to get their way... after all they're 'right about everything' too.**

**Whether it's the Winklevoss twins or suppressing conservative stories, Zuckerberg's as straight as Lombard Street...or is he the hand of God?**

## **UCGR**

**“Live and let live, one day at a time”... AA?**

**Reutarian (Reformed-Unitarian); follow the dictates of your conscience but don't assume you're right**

**I worship the infinite God of the Infiniverse... who I assume is the same as the God of the universe.**

**God, religions, messiahs? Study the evidence with your head and your heart.**

**Euchre... a non-Constantine church, fascinated by the 'historical' Jesus.**

**Be kind, charitable, humane, free and stop thinking we know everything...**

**Capstone church you good Terrian**

**Liberate you liberate me...in other words, can't we coexist without trying to run and ultimately ruin each other's lives?**

**Worship according to the dictates of your conscience but don't believe everything it tells you...**

**A spin-off of the Unitarian church... study all the religions you want, make up your own mind about God but don't assume you're right... and respect the views of other people.**

**Do whatever you want but Euchre is a church that worships God and reveres the historical Jesus... it also believes that everyone's life has meaning, so don't blow it.**

**Your car (thanks Siri for another voice-wreck spelling☺) is open to the public, just not open for membership. Maybe others will open their own churches as we need more choices, I am happy to commune/icate with others on spiritual and religious matters but not to host a church...**

**I'm Amish that's with a 'U.' Is it Christian? It's borderline, so they say it isn't...say what you will, it's certainly not fundamentalist.**

**The largest growing religious group is the 'unaffiliated'...TV news.**

**If the God of the Bible is the God of the universe then that's the God I worship.**

**UCGR is gay neutral...**

**Most people want answers not more questions but for the few who don't insist on or question the 'answers'...there's UCGR.**

**This church is a place to worship God, not a place to practice religion, which is a human construct.**

**What is Euchre? It's a club without any denominational affiliations. It believes in freedom of speech and association and in worshipping according to the dictates of one's conscience with the understanding that our consciences can con us and it believes the Golden Rule is very cool!**

**Liberate you liberate me...in other words can we coexist without trying to run each other's lives and ultimately ruining them**

**Euchre is a church, not a religion... a small house church.**

**Euchre is a spinoff of the Unitarian church. If the Unitarian church can call itself church why can't Euchre?**

**Euchre is now tobacco free!**

**Euchre doesn't want members who hate people of other ethnicities. It wants people who love everyone including their own people and who aren't apologetic for wanting them to survive well into the future.**

**If I believe in the historical Jesus; a man, rabbi and teacher instead of the supernatural Jesus who multiplied loaves, walked on water and rose from the dead you say I'm going to hell. I hope you're wrong and I think he may have risen from the dead and wonder if aliens would have had anything to do with that?**

**I'm Amish with a U ☺**

**Note to self... as of today (Nov. 11, 2015) UCGR is no longer underground, it's officially open for business by this; reformed', orthodox, old fashioned, backslid Unitarian aka Euchretarian. Backslid as in 'not in good standing' at either church... Unitarian or Christian ☺**

**Retrutarian...**

**I call myself a God loving, God-fearing man and think/hope I can do without additional labels and affiliations.**

**You ask if I'm a Christian and I say I don't know and you say 'well that answers that, it means you're not' and I say fine it's just a label... a very powerful one but a label.**

**Euchretarian is a spin-off of Unitarian, which IMO has gone too far in the direction of activism on behalf of special interest groups that I am stuck in tolerance mode towards but see no reason to agitate on behalf.**

**Euchre has made up its mind to be reasonable, tolerant and to try not to talk out of both sides of its mouth. It doesn't always believe in, "whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either." Arguably this conflicts with the Old Testament, which Jesus said he wouldn't change and which records, if not condones genocide.**

**Hopefully Euchre doesn't make dogmatic pronouncements and claims of moral superiority and it doesn't agree with those who do. Nor does Ucgr believe that other people's lives are useless or meaningless if they don't adapt particular beliefs, be they mandatory worship of anything from the Bible, environmentalism, technology or anything else that's come or coming down the pike.**

**Euchre's view of marriage will be a new contract, where community standards are the guide.**

Some people like to ask, “are you a Christian?” At the moment I consider myself a Christian. My only *credentials* are that I've asked Jesus to be my savior and was baptized in his name. That's enough for Euchre but not for most churches which varying lists of requirements typically longer than the above stated. Ucgr allows; doubt, questions and reservations. I wonder if Jesus was a result of aliens or if he is literally God and literally THE creator of the universe, or something in between or even something different from both of those. For these reasons Euchre is only my personal church and not open to the public. I want to worship this way, not the a committee decided long ago. That doesn't mean we cannot commune, discuss, debate or pray together, we can.

Another reason euchre's private are the accusations of heresy and leading people astray. *If* true I don't want to do that, but since I believe we have a right if not a responsibility to study and decide things for ourselves I will worship the way I chose for as long as I can.

I'm not challenging God so I shouldn't be ashamed... afraid maybe but ashamed no. That's what narrow minded people want.

Ucgr doesn't pressure you to embrace any agenda... does Unitarianism?

It's just a spinoff...

Eternal flame with a rocket blasting out of it.

I'm unaffiliated, believe in God, in a historical Jesus and have more questions than answers.

Put up Euchre sign and invite people over to play the card game and discuss religion etc.

euchre.us (a virtual church) and frsr.org or frsr.us an actual foundation.

Don't call it underground... just make it that way.

Have civil discourse, polite conversation and spirited debate all rolled into one.

Frsr should be chartered Euchre should be more private and doesn't need to be chartered, just registered as a domain name and a private website.

“My shadow's the only one that walks beside me”... Green Day

## Ucgrville

A proposed ‘Soverign Colony’

**Euchretaria**

**Eumerica**

**Euteria**

**Eumeria**

**Euchteria**

**Numerica, Nucago, Nuapolis**

**YouKerrville, draw a map☺ Main buildings and expenditures should be on; research institutes, hospitals and defensive positions... churches are smaller but respectable.**

**Not utopia, not a religion... a colony based on freedom, relatively common visions, strong defense and non-interference.**

**You can endow a university or research institute and have your name on it, beyond that it's adios, so forget about your pet projects or your offspring ruling this little piece of the world... lots of other places are dying to take you. If you make money here you're leaving, endowing or spending it here for the benefit of society. You're welcome to vamoose with up to \$ xx, the rest goes back to those you've pillaged and plundered with crappy software and propaganda empires Mr. Bloomberg and Mr. Gates... your Bilderberg schemes for a NWO won't be welcome here... but I digress.**

**If you build a billion-dollar company you can bequeath it to the employees, not to your children but you can name it whatever you want...no 'princes' allowed.**

**Society should focus on elevating and protecting its citizens from enemies foreign and domestic. Its immigration policy should prevent importing enemies or those intending to milk the system. Curing disease and healing terrible injuries should be R & D's focus, along with defense. Foreign entanglements should be avoided like the plague and only truly temporary alliances used when security is threatened, foreign-policy and the military shouldn't be controlled by special-interest groups; religious, ideological etc. Exports should be medical technology it should have the most robust defense and an iron Constitution.**

**The Constitution is inferior to God but superior to the churches of the colony. God's will is not to be defined by the churches as they are as fallible as men and women's minds and conscience. Revelations including by those claiming divine inspiration are to be taken with shakers of salt for what they are and what they might be worth... 'we shouldn't be fooled again.' kudos The Who.**

**No royalty, no princely class aka aristocracy, no chosen people, no master race, no money talks.**



## **Unions**

## **Utopias**

With en-vitro fertilization, cloning etc. men will no longer be entirely or perhaps even necessary at all for human reproduction. To reproduce the human race, women aka the meek (not IMO) may inherit the earth and may find they have little or no need for men. Unless men pander, cater and submit, why would the voting majority want these trouble makers? Will some women want to be 'traditional' mothers and raise little boys as well as little girls? Will the alternative be cruel suppression of women by men? Are there viable solutions if the above scenarios become reality in the future?

I suppose one possible solution is cooperation, but on whose terms and will those terms be tenable to 'both sides?' Probably only if one side submits to some degree or entirely. The power of science and the vote will largely be with the ladies unless men act like violent brutes to suppress the vote, which sadly and certainly is conceivable... how far down the road is this scenario, or is it bunk?

I doubt that many women would opt out of a woman dominated society although a few might but not enough for a 'traditional' aka male dominated society to exist on anything other than a very small scale. Would men establish an alternative society where humans are grown in artificial wombs, or might technology allow people to live such long lives that reproduction becomes a moot point?

Would people be allowed to leave certain bee hive like societies? I doubt it because femin-nazi societies might be as bad as a misogynistic ones.

What about Amish astronauts, creating self-sufficient societies? Would they be viable or would they be suppressed by the PTB? 'Greater' society probably wouldn't need anything produced by outlier colonies and might have little or no incentive to support them economically or in other ways, in fact the incentive might be to damage or interfere in the affairs of outliers.

It would be the antithesis of Umish belief to act like pirates and capture or enslave women in order to perpetuate 'traditional' the society. If an Umish colony was truly egalitarian women might tend to leave for fully female dominated societies, making , it's long-term survival quite difficult. Meanwhile in the queendom, most females would likely be relatively satisfied and even if they weren't would they be dissatisfied enough to want to leave and would they be allowed to?

**I hope an Umish astronaut colony of free, tolerant people, more traditional, truly egalitarian people is in the cards. Time will tell and we will probably see the continuation of strife in the heavens as there is on earth.**

**I imagine there will be shining examples of successful societies, female, male or equally governed and each will consider itself something of Utopia although none truly will be, at least not forever. Truly egalitarian Camelot and Ms. Camelot societies will crop up and hopefully even dominate but will any last forever?**

**Were told that such bliss occurs nowhere in the universe except in heaven, paradise Shangri-La etc. which religions talk about, but we're also told that powers and principalities fight in the spirit world creating the same problems that we have on earth.**

**Not surprisingly most of these heavenly paradise abodes seem to be male dominated and I wonder if that's because of; male authorship, or the Godly and natural order of things? or That's for you to decide!**

## **Vacations**

### **(La) Vagina Papers**

**"I search myself I want you to find me, I forget myself I want you to remind me"... Divinyls**

**You've got the kit, the kit and caboodle and of course the whole kit and caboodle ☺**

**Have you ever seen the genitals on female chimpanzees? Ladies, you got lucky... chimps are our closest relatives!**

**Like an oven I like what goes in and what comes out and to be close to her warmth but it can burn you and I'm certainly not going to try sticking my head inside.**

**I love the whole kit and caboodle but I'm mostly a 'tummy' man... especially the lower tummy a.k.a. the upper lower... why not ☺**

**Landing strip, side burns and wetlands... an incredible ecosystem!**

**I don't know if men really think about sex every 30 seconds but it does seem to be 'running in the back-ground' all the time☺**

**Is there anything you go to bed thinking about and wake in the morning with it still on your mind...**

Despite what they'd have you believe, Cougars are not tame by a long shot and I'm not talking about the ones stalking the hills outside LA. When you see what they're hiding you'll understand...it's a beautiful 'wild thing' if I've ever seen one! Fortunately they usually aren't ashamed, unfortunately they're sometimes embarrassed to 'open up.' They shouldn't be although men sometimes 'can't handle it' ☺

Why would the survey say that women like bondage games a little more than men do? I can only speculate and I'm doing that right now...

“I'm sure you'll understand my point of view We know each other mentally

You gotta know that you're bringin' out the animal in me

Let's get physical, physical I wanna get physical, let's get into physical

Let me hear your body talk, your body talk

Let me hear your body talk”... Olivia Newton-John

## **Values**

“Dear lady can you hear the wind blow and did you know your stairway lies on the whispering wind”... Zep

One person's righteousness is another's self-righteousness,

One's moral indignation is another's hypocrisy,

one's moral high ground is another's meddling and on and on and on it goes.

I don't think I've been able to have a frank conversation about religion with anybody since my teens or 20s by the time my buddies and I got in our 30's everybody was pretty well set in their ways and it deteriorated into; lectures, warnings and name calling.

Call it Tough Love, Love with accountability or ripping off the Band-Aid and you have the opposite of enabling someone to linger in prodigal child , parent, sibling or spouse status forever. You may or may not be doing them a favor by ripping it off but leaving it on to collect bacteria is no favor either.

“Seek revenge and dig two graves...one for yourself”- Confucius

## **Vegans**

## **Violence**

**“Nobody wants to see me die but they don't want to miss it if I do”... Evel Knievel**

**There are; enemies, adversaries and competitors and all of them have to be ‘handled’...some more so than others, but all have to be dealt with or one way or another you can lose everything. Some have thick necks and guns other have pretty faces and lawyers but they can be equally destructive.**

**In 17:9, ‘Jerry’ implies that man is despicable and he's probably right, certainly we're far from perfect. I wonder if God made us that way because he likes violent or at least dramatic theatre and wants his people to put on a good show for him? It doesn't make me doubt God, I just wonder if he likes violent ‘shows?’... the answer's way beyond me.**

**“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”... Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)**

## **Voice Wreck-ognition**

## **Voting**

**“I never vote for, I always vote against”... W.C. Fields**

**I vote with my remote... and at the cash register.**

**I think I'll vote for a wee little party called The Wip. It interprets the Constitution very much like the FF's...call me what you want, I call it a protest vote.**

**Not for taking away the vote... am for taking back the country and the Constitution.**

**If you surrender your rights by the vote, good luck ever getting them back that way or any other.**

The person on the radio said, “ love the idea behind America!”, but what is that idea? I doubt she’d like the idea that the founding fathers had... for one thing she wouldn't be voting.

I vote with my remote so not even my hairdresser knows for sure but big data might...

I'm fine with the voting laws the Founding Fathers instituted yet I'm also fine with anyone having the right to vote if they don't use votes to repeal our rights... and therein lies the rub. I would defend everyone's basic rights, which is more than some have done for us and which shouldn't include the right to use votes to steal other's rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness and I would add control over the fruits of one's labor. These should never be redistributed or confiscated at the whim of others, regardless of them outvoting or outgunning you.

By the power of the vote the minority is enslaved by the majority.

**This year Vote;  
at the box,  
with your feet &  
with your remote**

## **Weather**

I'm cool with the occasional peep of sunshine, most of my peeps want a lot more☺

## **WEB**

### **Weeds Etc.**

### **What came first?**

### **Wholly Men... (of God?)**

“I staggered back to the underground

And the breeze blew back my hair

I remember throwin' punches around

And preachin' from my chair”... The Who

The pundit says environmentalists' have elevated their beliefs to the status of a religion and I say why not, yours were likewise elevated a long time ago... arguably everyone's are.

IMO no one should want to be worshipped but its fine and normal to want to be remembered... is there something you want to be remembered for?

I don't want to call CS Lewis disingenuous or anything like that, he was probably a very good man but I respectfully disagree with his assertion that if you say Jesus is not who he says he is then you're in effect saying he was a liar. That seems to me like an attempt to pigeonhole people into an untenable position. I can't think of anyone I know who wants to say that Jesus was a liar, just saying there may be other explanations and people with inquiring minds should have the right to explore them without being accused of heresy etc.

The TV preacher claims *anointment from God* but men have been claiming that since time immemorial. Long before any of today's religions were around, there were men standing on a hilltops ranting, raving and claiming to speak for God.

According to the documentary, people would ask the 'god' Apollo questions and the 'Oracle of Delphi' would answer in 'gibberish', which was then interpreted by a priest, usually to the satisfaction of the king or whoever... hmmm.

Did the devil close the door set on your hand...or was it gravity and the tilt of the car?

You say you're teaching love but are you teaching that or 'your way or the highway', utterly refusing to look at; archaeology, science and history and reflexively calling them satanic... unless they agree with your *read*?

I prefer measured voices to shrill ones. Just think about the great ones of history; Lincoln, Buddha and most of all Jesus... as far as I can tell his angriest moment came when he cleared the temple of the money changers. Other than that he .' seemed' to be a gentle orator. Contrast that with the bombastic; evangelists, talk show hosts and worst of all Hitler... you can have them all. You can take the best advice from the measured voices or the worst advice from the 'yellers'... the choice and the outcome is yours to make.

I'm not saying preachers don't give some good advice but IMO they also dispense half-truths and outright lies - whether they know it or not. From what I've seen they certainly don't seem to care and direct; anger, 'pity' or self-righteous indignation at anyone who doesn't submit to the Constantine model of Christianity that they champion, further and espouse.

The preacher said Paul didn't get along well with the church fathers in Antioch and it makes me wonder why did his views prevailed... maybe it was his colossal claims that made him the 'winner.' Is it also true that Constantine found Paul's 'version' compelling enough to lobby for them and for the Council of Nicaea to proclaim them the gospel truth?

Meanwhile back at the abbey, other church fathers and mothers who may have had a closer connection to Jesus than Paul had their views shelved for almost 2000 years and if certain church fathers had their way, the Nag Hammadi Library and Gnostic versions of Jesus' life would have been destroyed entirely and forever. Was Paul telling the truth about what happened on the road to Damascus anymore than Constantine about his experience? Were they genuinely inspired by God and not by hunger for power? Did Constantine ravage, murder and enslave and if so was it in any way justified? After his conversion did he relent, or did he continue to conquer and kill in Jesus' name? If not what does that mean about the legitimacy of his claims and of the church that was started via the councils he initiated... Just wondering.

“Are you a Christian?”, I’ve been asked and the answer is usually framed as you must say yes or no but what is a Christian? Generally speaking it’s a Constantine-Nicene council Christian, which IMO encompasses most if not all denominations from; mainline Protestant to Apostolic, Catholic and Orthodox. I ‘think’ they all accept and demand acceptance of the Nicene creed to be in ‘good standing.’ I think they consider anything else from Cather to gnostic heresy and for all intents and purposes have done their best to discredit or annihilate these and any others who have questioned the ‘determinations’ of the Nicaean Councils... how very Constantine of them.

My beef with the preacher today was mainly over his demeaning joke about atheists. (Lady prays for groceries, atheist buys and puts them on her porch, when she sees them she cries out to God in thanks, he jumps out and says “aha, God didn’t get them for you I did... she cries out in thanks again and says “and thank you God for making the devil pay for them.” Although I don’t consider myself an atheist in the least, he might say I am. His joke doesn't draw people together and makes me wonder what he thinks about the billions of people, religious and otherwise who don’t share his views.

I’m certainly interested in God, religion Jesus, salvation etc. but not particularly interested in talking to people who knock my door uninvited with tracts and elevator speeches.

In my opinion the hallmark of organized religion, especially the fundamentalist variety tends to be a vengeful God, championed by charlatans out for private planes and mansions, who sell magic oil and ‘blessed’ handkerchiefs. They guarantee their flock not just comfort but mortgage payments, power and dominion... usually the flock gets fleeced and they get rich.

“Did you come here to play Jesus to the lepers in your head?”...U2

## **Willpower**

## **Winter Freaking Wonderland!**

## **WIP IT GOOD!**

I belong to a one person party and a one person church... so what. I don't care if they grow but I hope the ideas do.

The WIP is a house party... SRSR's a house club.

I'll agitate for anyone's human rights but no one's 'special' rights.

As far as I know the key founding fathers; Washington, Jefferson, Adams and Franklin were not fundamentalist Christians they were from Christian backgrounds but they were Freemasons, Theists and Unitarians all of which are disfavored by religionists... I believe Lincoln and Grant were too. Fundamentalists will likely dispute this but I think their evidence is weak, contrived, concocted and bogus. based on carefully selected writings and disputed death bed statements. Just read the Jefferson Bible, read what Grant wrote, “No political party can or ought to exist when one of its cornerstones is opposition to freedom of thought and to the right to worship God ‘according to the dictate of one's own conscience,’ or according to the creed of any religious denomination whatever”, Adams was officially Unitarian, a sect generally despised by religionists and on and on it goes.

## **Wisdom**

“Anyone who is among the living has hope --even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!”... Ecclesiastes 9:4

Listen to your elders but think for yourself...

Everyone's just repeating things they've heard... even the wise men.

There are good pastors, bad pastors and many in between IMO none preach the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I don't think they know it and I don't think the Bible contains it, which doesn't mean that the Bible doesn't contain great wisdom and more... but what do I know.

Don't let your misspent youth become you're misspent life... trying ☺



**“Doubt is the origin of wisdom”... Rene Descartes**

**“And if I claim to be a wise man it surely means that I don't know”... Kansas**

**“Sometimes a man can't see the *one tree* because of the forest”... unknown**

## **Working for a Living.... (and taking what they're giving)**

**“I stretched back and I hiccupped**

**And looked back on my busy day**

**Eleven hours in the Tin Pan**

**God, there's got to be another way”... The Who**

**Came out of the I-65 pea soup and started feeling better about the day... moments ago I was ready to quit. Twenty-eight years seemed more than enough but now I'm thinking I might last 30 in this bus.**

**To survive and hopefully get ahead you have to work long and hard, or work very smart... which are you doing? It does no good to point out that others are doing things you disapprove of to get ahead... won't we all be judged anyway? Meanwhile it's the *old saw*, ‘results matter, not effort’ at least when it comes to paying the bills.**

**Don't throw that junk mail away... you'll put some machine out of a job!**

**They say, “any day above ground's a good day” but any day below ground's a good day, if you're a miner ☺**

**I like tipping to waitresses, drivers, cleaning people and others like them. Panhandlers... not so much, unless they have a disability but I guess even the able bodied ones do a job by making us feel good when we give them food or money.**

**If you want nice things it helps to work... you'll make a little with your back, more with your hands and the most with your head.**

**Whether you refinishing the deck or flipping a house the principle of diminishing returns applies. If you're a perfectionist do 80 or 90% of ‘the way’, if you're a lazy go 110%.**

**The weather woman looks like such a bad girl... but such a nice lady :)**

Time is money, there's always a relevant point of diminishing returns and it is the one that matters most to 'the boss.'

For now on I want to weld not glue mufflers back on... I also want to get out of this stinking business but I'll probably milk the cow a bit longer and live off the fat of Japan for a few more years...sorry.

A big part of successful selling involves placing bugs in ears, following up appropriately and always asking for the sale.

The workers at the seat factory have 83 seconds to do a repetitive task all day long or get fired. For that they get a paycheck that's 1/800<sup>th</sup> of the CEO's. At the end of the week they have bloody knuckles and damaged joints, the CEO and his cronies have more money than they know what to do with...other than lobby for more power over society.

I may not like parts of the system but have nothing against the people *trapped* in it, except for those leading the orchestra.

Take your time when you're up that ladder, near that breaker box, running a chainsaw or whatever. You can be injured or killed, the customer can only be sued and have to file with his insurance company... none of that brings you back, you just become *a story for* others to tell.

Diminishing returns says, if you're a perfectionist do things 90% and if you're a slouch do them 150.

I've lived off the fat of the land, the fat of Japan and I'll bet they're people who live off the fat of the Iran.

The problem with these reports is I'm dealing with people who count beans a lot better than I do...☺

Opportunities don't always abound but they always exist...

Said the F word about 100 times this morning frequently preceded by the M-word... irritated as hell mostly my fault for making a wrong turn, but also Chicago construction sucks! For icing on the cake, after arriving ten minutes late for the meeting, it was called off because my client was stuck at O'Hare airport. I certainly wasn't proud of my language especially the GD's I threw in there... someone told me that it's my way of handling anxiety... hmmm.

"Run, rabbit run.

Dig that hole, forget the sun,

And when at last the work is done

Don't sit down it's time to dig another one"... Pink Floyd

You get up every morning from your alarm clock's warning

Take the 8:15 into the city, There's a whistle up above and people pushin', people shovin'

And the girls, who try to look pretty

And if your train's on time, you can get to work by nine

And start your slaving job to get your pay"... BTO

## **Worrying**

"Don't worry your life away"... Dana Perino

## **Wrestling with Racism**

"You shouldn't lump everyone together, like the Vikings not all of them liked to rape and pillage, some just liked sailing"... Nolan

I wish you the very best but not on my dime...

I don't consider myself a racist but it's not my interpretation that matters...

Some people think there's but a single *human race*, others think there are several races. I believe in one species, several races and dozens of fairly distinct 'populations.' Some care mostly about that so called single race or species, others care about various populations, including our own and aren't ashamed to say so.

Is it racism not to be for the Africanization of America? Many if not most Americans seem to be OK with it. Cam Newton talks about his roots on TV and that's fine, but can white American talk about theirs without being called names?

Just as some white people are silent about the KKK, black people are sometimes silent about their 'bad actors.' Maybe it's because some members of both races don't think the bad actors are so bad after all and on some level may see them as serving the purposes of 'their people.'

"All thumbs" is *the expression* and it refers to a lack of dexterity... hmmm.

When we interbreed they do not morph into us, we morph into them. That's fine for you, it's not for me though I respect them, wish them no harm, stay out of their way when and hope they afford me the same... who knows?

A Mandingo is not an Eskimo, is not an Icelander but they can all interbreed and create beautiful children... so can poodles, labs and bulldogs but no one claims those breeds are 'the same.'

Is it wrong to wish people the very best... as long as it's on their dime?

Another possibly unjustified police shooting of a black man, this time in Charlotte and again stores are looted, this time it's a Walmart. Is it free flat-screen night for the mostly black crowd? I guess we're supposed to be grateful they're not attacking our homes... I suggest keeping your doors locked, fingers crossed and powder dry.

I'm not saying this is war though some say it is, I'm saying it's a matter of survival. Your taxes provide cradle to grave support for large extended families who came here illegally. You're also supporting Americans who use every excuse there is to justify not being educated, not holding job and raising generations of the same on welfare. If you're too proud to use those same tax dollars to fix your ailments then IMO you're crazy and doing *your people* a huge disfavor... yes, I said your people. There are people with a calculated strategy to destroy or 'absorb' your people. They laugh all the way to the sperm bank so to speak, so when they tell you to buy a rope and dig your grave don't be surprised.

I'm not saying there aren't many honorable *ones* but there're just as many who not only are dishonorable but who also agitate or intimidate the honorable ones into going along with their 'agenda'... and I wouldn't be surprised if the agenda's a lot more popular than anyone will admit out loud. It's to their advantage to say 'there's no agenda', or 'we don't believe that.' Whether or not they do isn't as important as the proof pudding, ie. the fact that 90%+ of them voted for Obama and the vast majority are likely to vote for whoever promises them the moon... for several generations that's been democrats. Those of you who want to "do the right thing", suffer from a guilt complex or are smitten by them in one way or another may someday realize you've been disarmed, played and replaced.

The word 'miscegenation' is definitely on the outdated, racist list but it doesn't change that when done, we turn into them, not the other way around... just IMO.

I don't want to live in a society where everyone can dunk but no one can spell.

If the PC police have their way, the murder rate on the 'south side of Chicago' will be the norm everywhere... the better to further their argument that everyone except their guards should be disarmed. Meanwhile certain populations seem 'statistically' to routinely use guns for offense, not defense.

It's no surprise that most people seem to respect a person who can dunk more than a person who can add and subtract... humans have always been impressed by physicality more than mental acuity. If it's true that sub-Saharan IQ's average 80 or 90, you can try to elevate those scores by interbreeding but you may not end up with what you're after.

I lose points for saying it but I don't think the Civil War was worth the deaths of 600,000 American soldiers to end slavery. Most civilized countries had already outlawed it and almost certainly the U.S. would have to before much longer... Was it another case of one side demanding immediate and unconditional surrender of the other, and what hath it brought down on us? You may be quite pleased with the result... I respectfully am not.

I'm not ashamed that I want our genes in the pool, instead of ceding the human race and abandoning the future to others. History shows that miscreants ranging from Genghis Khan, to Chetniks and ISIS have used rape to replace their enemies blood lines with their own. It's also being done 'legally', subtly and often in a calculated manner by men who have numerous children by numerous women, in an apparent attempt to spread their seed far and wide. In America today it is considered racist to point out that most of the men engaging in this are *probably* black and they may consider it their duty or a form of reparation or revenge to make sure that their genome will be 'over-represented' in the future. It is done at the taxpayers' expense and it is done with much immunity as many of these men have little or no means of support and no intention to pay for the support of their children. Of course in today's PC climate it's almost a crime to suspect, mention or decry this 'legal' form of ethnic cleansing...and as they say, "demographics is destiny."

As stated I wish them well, I just don't wish to see the replacement of others...even if the best man I've ever known might be black, it doesn't mean I'm for the Africanization of America.

I would take their claims more seriously if the history and technology of the sub-Sahara was more impressive and they didn't blame their problems so much on outside interference... call me what you will but I ascribe it mostly to low IQ, ignorance and superstition.

If they could point to the 'old countries' as bastions of great things it would bolster their argument that their current problems are someone else's fault, but conditions 'over there' are and always have been relatively primitive and frequently atrocious...I'm sure you'll correct if I'm wrong." What is consistent is a lack of effort or responsibility and a profound tendency to blame others for their plight.

**I'm under the impression that very few of my ancestors had slaves and I think those who did had very few (for what it's worth.) of had very many so for those descendants of slaves let them go after those who had lots of slaves and leave us alone after all they were slaves were they and I was in a slave-owner. I'm tired of the neer-do-wells who who would take from others and give to those who deserve our stuff more than we do.**

**Who's responsible for slavery? I agree it wasn't the slaves, but was it mostly the Arab slave traders, European and New England financiers, southern slave owners, tribes that helped the slave traders or others? IMO they all share blame but it's not the fault of people many years after emancipation and IMO African Americans are not victims at this point in time. Obviously this view which I share with some people holds less water than those who agitate for reparations via politics, demonstrations, perhaps boycotts and other means. They claim that slavery and segregation continues to harm blacks 150 years after their ancestors were freed. Many people came here in a disadvantaged state and faced discrimination and hardships but they and their descendants have done incredibly well regardless.**

**People who want reparations from slavery in any form, including not paying their rent and receiving various forms of welfare remind me of the children of the rich, in that both often don't work get welfare in the form of doles or inheritance and end up lazy and no count... other than agitating for even more.**

**I don't particularly care to help the various so-called persecuted communities, I'd rather see them help themselves... there I said it and you'll call it another racist rant. The other day I saw a sign for free government phones and free phone service, on TV I keep seeing AT&T advertising free internet for food stamp recipients, they also qualify for free rent, free food, utility assistance and free healthcare. What I'd like to see is them helping themselves, instead of 'helping themselves' to tax payer funded programs. Stop living on the dole, take advantage of a free education, stop idolizing thugs and stop having kids you can't support...of course saying all this makes me a 'terrible person.'**

**Blacks are fine with interbreeding because it results in more people of color and there's nothing wrong with that. Blacks can complain about threats to their race and lobby for ever increasing taxpayer funded services, but if whites voice concern for their race's survival they're labeled horrible racists. Of course suggesting the above leaves one vulnerable to being attacked as a liar and a racist...I dispute both charges and think there's a ridiculous double standard. Interestingly Asians have largely avoided this catch 22, but I think they'd see through it in a NY minute if blacks were targeting them for free services and large scale interbreeding.**

Negroes say they have the “Talented Ten”, IMO Caucasians have the Fabulous five and Functional Fifty...of course that’s not PC to say. I’ll add that other races may have their own whatevers...

It’s a stereotypical that blacks have mostly done well in the areas of sports and entertainment but they’ve also done well in business, science and medicine but IMO not nearly as well as certain other immigrant groups. It’s true that those immigrants came here voluntarily while Africans were forced to come but IMO 150 years after emancipation, that’s only justification for equal rights, which I think they currently receive. Human history has many examples of slavery but few of reparations and threats of violence if they don’t receive it should be met with determination on the part of society, there should be no free lunch and no 40 acres.

I go on recording thoughts though they shame us for that. There’s nothing wrong with thinking and trying to share thoughts with others but they say you should only promote thoughts that validate their Constantinian version of ‘the truth’.

History channel; By 950 A.D. 10% of Europe’s residents were slaves, largely by the Vikings... should the Scandinavian’s pay reparations? In Russia the serfs were basically slaves even after the Emancipation Proclamation and there are tragic examples of slavery the world over to this very day... we should end slavery and give reparations to modern day slaves at the expense of modern slave holders... as far as being buffaloed by those demanding reparations for pre- Emancipation Proclamation slavery, I say hooley and brother gird your loins.

Oh Africa! You’re quite a place, according to the BBC, the age of consent for girls in Uganda is 12 years old... but don’t worry, America forgives you... after all, anything ‘wrong’ on your continent is *our fault*.

I have nothing against mixed race or ethnicity unions. Anybody can fall in love with anybody, that’s nature’s way and the offspring are talented and beautiful. What I’m against is elitists engineering demographic and societal outcomes as if they were God.

If someone ‘has it out for you’ because they think ‘you have it out for them’, don’t play the *chicken and egg* game with them. Be respectful but watch your back, because some may want you dead, or on your knees.

## **Writing**

“Half my life’s on these written pages, living and learning from fools and from sages... maybe tomorrow the good Lord take you way”- Aerosmith

**If I want to write what I really think, I can't publish it... not a big deal☺**

**You can either try writing a novel or start living your novel...I think I'll do the latter!  
(Maybe this time I actually will ☺)**

**A lot of things frustrate me and a lot of things make me very happy... how do you like those apples☺**

**I'm not likely to change the world with words, the forces are enormous and only the tide of history or supernatural intervention will change it. Be patient, work hard, be happy, watch you're back and realize someday people will be able to colonize space... meanwhile watch out for the 'asses' of evil.**

**You may be glad to know that it's not just the 'persecuted' minorities who dislike me, many of my friends have also become former friends and I take no pleasure in the above.**

**I rush to get out of the tub to record things because Siri likes to screw with voice recognition, but I'd rather take my time and maybe lose a thought or two than slip and bust my head...it's easier to mop a floor than bandage a head.**

**Seems like I'm managing to piss off just about everyone, which is not my intent and I don't know if means success or failure... I'll settle for 'it is what it is.'**

**Copernicus and cuneiform... if you know what I mean ☺**

**I have to keep the good stuff to myself but it usually has to do with waitresses and cashiers... not that anything ever has or ever would happen as I'm strictly a window shopper, be it across a table, bar or cash register. Name tags and receipts identify the protagonists... all of them forbidden fruit and that's just fine... if it's the thought that counts then pretty faces are grist for the mill.**

**On an unrelated note, I'm doing what I think I should do. If no one supports me its consequential but not a show stopper if I can help it.**

**There are things I should have wrote but didn't and things I shouldn't have wrote but did.. c'est la vie.**

**Even if civilization collapses and the written word is lost the principles good and bad will still be valid because we wrote about people... not the other way around.**

**As an aspiring writer I want my books to be available even after I'm gone, even if no one seems to want them... that is why I want a trust that I control.**

**There are things I need to remember because the penalties are too great for writing them down.**



**It would be nice if a few people agreed with me especially those I love... regardless I will express myself.**

**If the universe is infinite and in the greater scheme of things we can't scratch the surface, does it really matter what anybody says or writes? IMO it matters and certain people through the ages have made an impact on this planet and maybe far beyond. So it's worth trying to influence our fellow earthlings. We should speak our minds and not worry what anyone on our planet or *anything* out there might think. Our thoughts should be positive, considerate and unfettered by the detractors anywhere in the infiniverse.**

**Write like it's your last book... it just might be.**

**Just as new civilizations are built on the foundations and rubble of old ones so are new ideas...**

**Don't soften your message cause they're not forgiving you anyway...**

**The problem isn't that people would misunderstand me, it's that they'd understand...**

**I've managed to piss off half the people I know with my writing and it wasn't hard to do, in fact I wasn't even trying... the other half haven't read me.**

**Obviously I'm repeating myself, though hopefully not like Jack Nicholson in the Shining... 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy', he typed... a thousand times.**

**"What else could I write, I don't have the right"... Nirvana**